デビルキング

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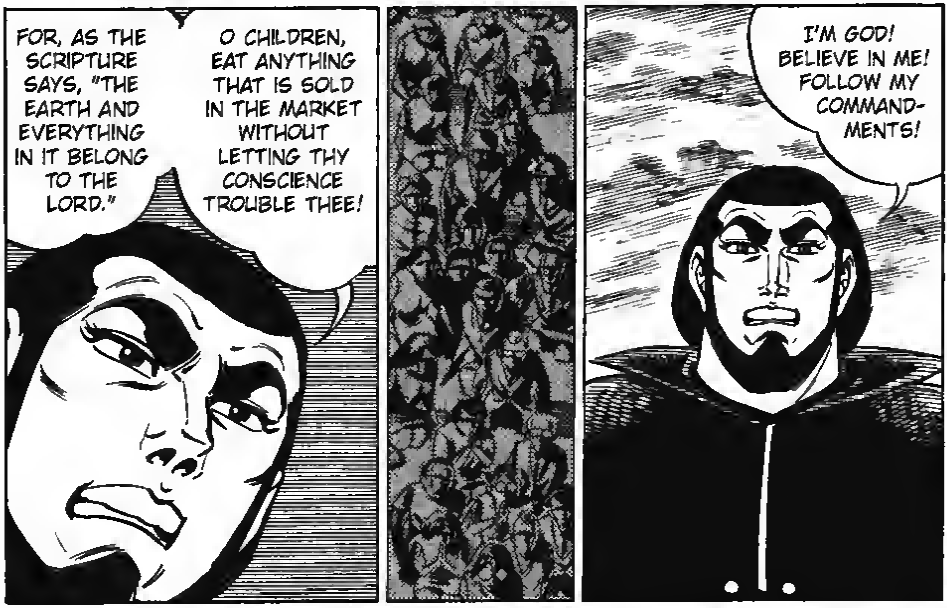
☆これまでのあらすじ☆

『今や文明が人間性を毒している。』と叫ぶ小早川博士は、助手の古場と共に、藤本正男を「神なる巨人」に造り上げた。ところが、その秘密を一人占めしようとする古場は、正男の弟、明男をガケからつき落としてしまう。記憶を失った明男は、小松田青年に助けられたが、デビルキングの秘密をかぎつけたライスボール機関の殺人現場を目撃してしまい命を狙われる。いっぽう古場は、その本性を現わし、小早川博士を殺害してしまう。又、ライスボール機関も、デビルキング生け捕り作戦を開始した。

そんなこととも知らずに、デビルキングは大群集と共に東京に向って進み始めたのだがさて……

OPEN YOUR EYES, O CHILDREN!
GOD!


O CHILDREN, EAT ANYTHING THAT IS SOLD IN THE MARKET WITHOUT LETTING THY CONSCIENCE TROUBLE THEE!
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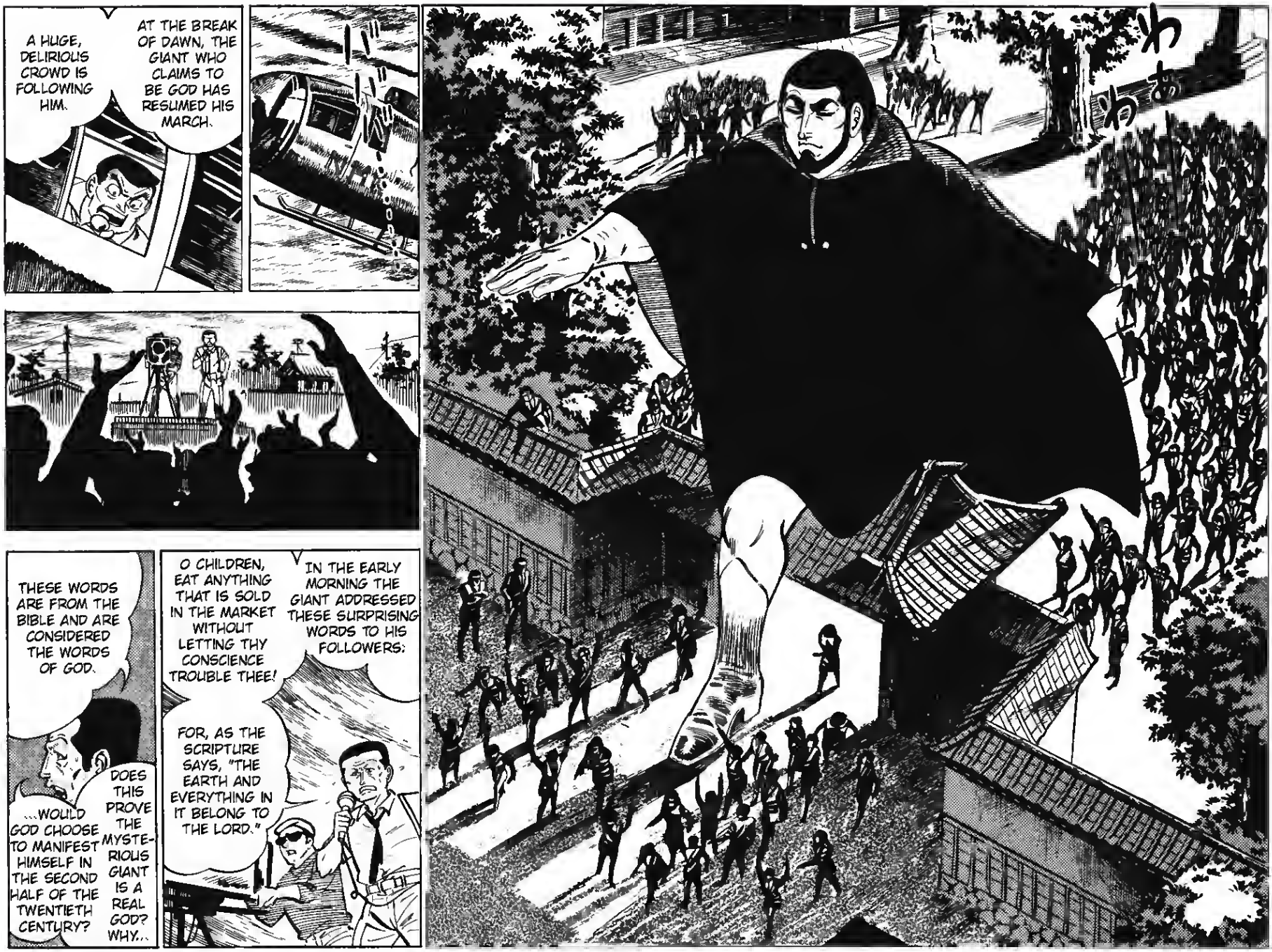
I'M GOD! BELIEVE IN ME! FOLLOW MY COMMAND-MENTS!


A HUGE, DELIRIOUS CROWD IS FOLLOWING HIM.
AT THE BREAK OF DAWN, THE GIANT WHO CLAIMS TO BE GOD HAS RESUMED HIS MARCH.
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IN THE EARLY MORNING THE GIANT ADDRESSED THESE SURPRISING WORDS TO HIS FOLLOWERS:
O CHILDREN, EAT ANYTHING THAT IS SOLD IN THE MARKET WITHOUT LETTING THY CONSCIENCE TROUBLE THEE!
FOR, AS THE SCRIPTURE SAYS, "THE EARTH AND EVERYTHING IN IT BELONG TO THE LORD."
THESE WORDS ARE FROM THE BIBLE AND ARE CONSIDERED THE WORDS OF GOD.
...WOULD GOD CHOOSE TO MANIFEST HIMSELF IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY?
DOES THIS PROVE THE MYSTERIOUS GIANT IS A REAL GOD? WHY...

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I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! SOMETHING INCREDIBLE IS HAPPENING!

BECAUSE OF THE WORDS OF THE GIANT,

...PEOPLE ARE TAKING FOOD...

...FROM THE SHOPS AND... EATING IT!

MORE OVER, THEY ARE HAPPY TO DO THAT!
SURPRISINGLY... THE SHOPKEEPERS ARE NOT STOPPING THEM!
THEY ARE WILLING TO PROVIDE THEM WITH FOOD!
...AND THROW MYSELF AT HIS FEET!
...HOW GREAT THE WORDS OF GOD ARE! I ALMOST FEEL LIKE... RUNNING TO HIM!
ISN'T THIS BECAUSE HIS WORDS ARE TRULY DIVINE?
HE CHANGED THE PRINCIPLE OF CAPITALISM ONLY WITH FEW WORDS!

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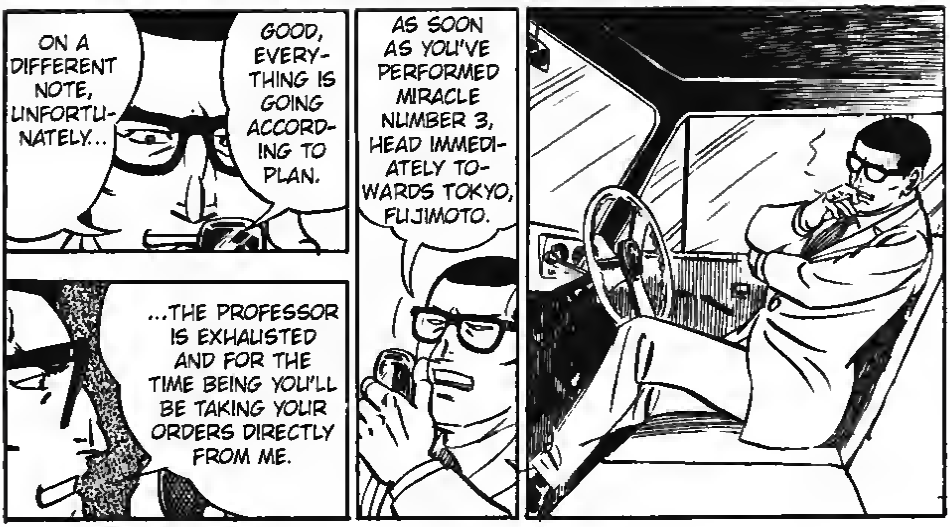
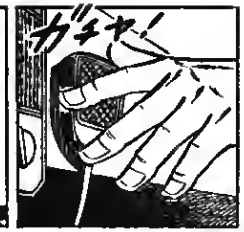

ON A DIFFERENT NOTE, UNFORTUNATELY...
GOOD, EVERYTHING IS GOING ACCORDING TO PLAN.
AS SOON AS YOU'VE PERFORMED MIRACLE NUMBER 3, HEAD IMMEDIATELY TOWARDS TOKYO, FUJIMOTO.
...THE PROFESSOR IS EXHAUSTED AND FOR THE TIME BEING YOU'LL BE TAKING YOUR ORDERS DIRECTLY FROM ME.

...THE WHOLE WORLD AT MY MERCY!
THANKS TO THEM, ONE DAY I'LL CONTROL THE WORLD!
IH, IH! GOD IN MY RIGHT HAND, CONTROL-GO IN MY LEFT...!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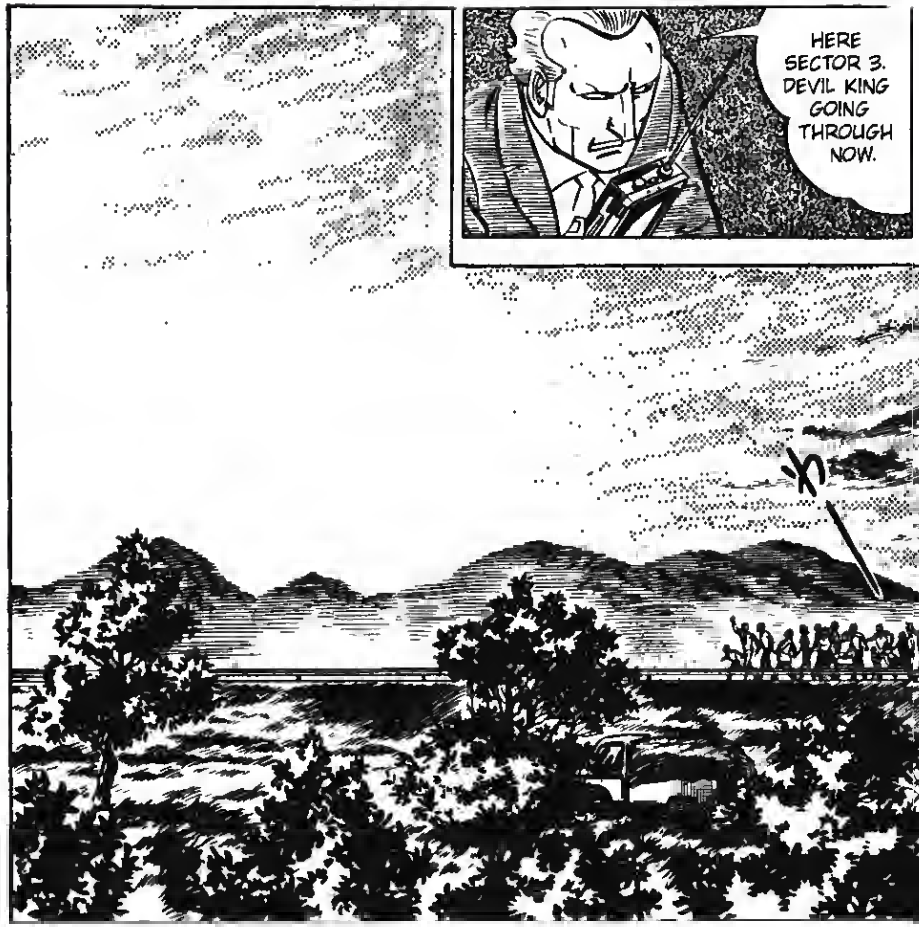
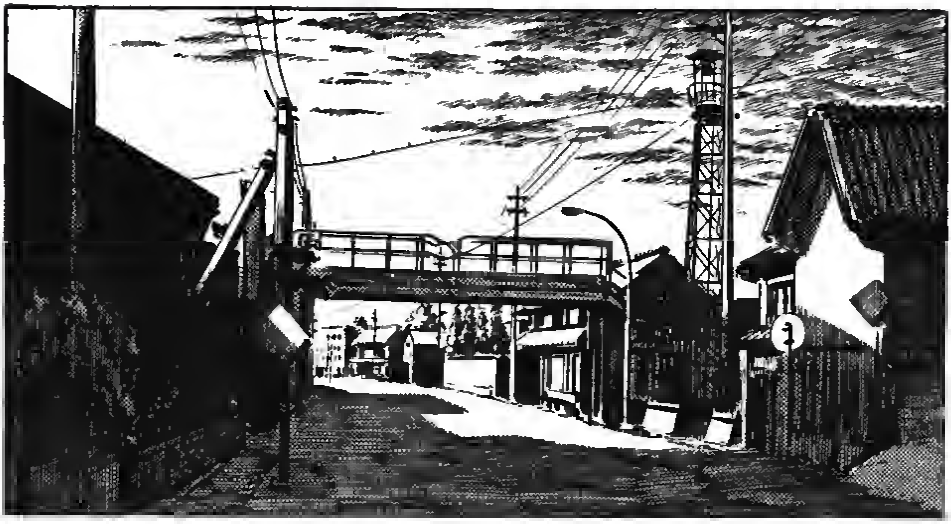
IMAGINE THAT! GOD IS MY.. SPOKESPERSON! HA, HA, HA!
I'M GOD! BELIEVE IN ME! FOLLOW MY COMMAND-MENTS!


HERE SECTOR 3. DEVIL KING GOING THROUGH NOW.



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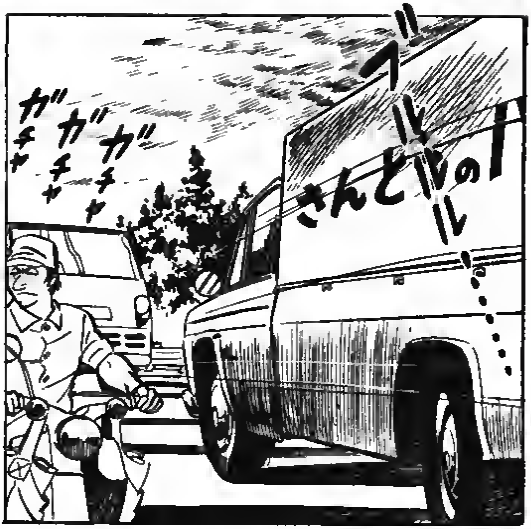
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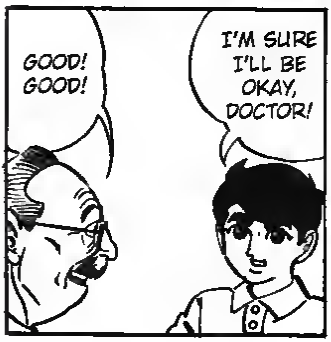
GOOD! GOOD!
I'M SURE I'LL BE OKAY, DOCTOR!

...WE NEED TO BE ON OUR WAY, THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR HELP.
SORRY, DOCTOR...

MUST YOU REALLY LEAVE THIS EARLY IN THE MORNING? WHY DON'T YOU STAY HERE A LITTLE LONGER?
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TAKE GOOD CARE OF HIM.
THANK YOU, DOC.
YES, DOC-TOR.
WITH PLENTY OF REST YOU'LL EVENTUALLY RECOVER.
HOWEVER, GIVEN YOUR CONDITIONS, YOU MUST TAKE THINGS VERY EASY.
I REALLY HOPE HE'LL GET BETTER SOON... POOR KID.
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WHY THAT FACE?
W-WHAT ...?
THERE'S SOMETHING... I CAN'T GET OUT OF MY HEAD.
WHAT DO YOU SAY? ARE YOU READY TO HEAD BACK TO TOKYO, OR...

REALLY? WHO WAS THAT GUY?
I ONLY SAW HIM FROM FAR AWAY BUT... HE GAVE ME GOOSE BUMPS.
HUH? SOMEONE YOU KNEW?
WHEN WE WENT TO SEE THAT GOD I SAW THIS GUY...
...I GUESS THAT MEANS YOU WANT TO GO BACK THERE, THEN.
I SEE...
I-I'M NOT REALLY SURE BUT... IT WAS STRANGE, I ALMOST FELT SICK.
WELL, IT WAS REALLY STRANGE...
NOT REALLY, BUT...
...IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE BOTHERING YOU?
YES, AND I...
SEE...
COME ON, TELL ME!
LET'S HEAR ABOUT IT!
UHM... BUT...
...MY HEART WAS BEATING VERY FAST...
...WHEN I SAW GOD'S EYES... MY HEAD FELT STRANGE...

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UNDER-STANDABLE, HE'S... GOD!
...
OKAY.
WE'RE GOING BACK TO SEE GOD ONE MORE TIME.
I GUESS IT'S SETTLED THEN!
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HEY, TAXI!
...
TO TAKASAKI, PLEASE!

YOU DIDN'T SAY NO, YOU DIDN'T STOP... I GUESS YOU'RE TAKING US THERE, RIGHT?
...
I EXPECT LARGE CROWDS. JUST DRIVE US AS FAR AS YOU CAN GO, WE'LL WALK FROM THERE.
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BAH! WE PAY MONEY TO RIDE IN HIS TAXI... WHY DOES HE HAVE TO TREAT US LIKE THAT?
AN ANSWER WOULD BE NICE, YOU KNOW?

THIS IS THE ROAD TO HARUNA...
HEY, YOU TOOK A WRONG TURN!
ALL THOSE PEOPLE COMING TO SEE THE GOD, UH...?
OH... I SEE.
YOU WANT TO GET THERE, WE'VE GOT TO TAKE THE BACK ROADS.
ROADS ARE PACKED TODAY, BUDDY.
WATCH OUT!
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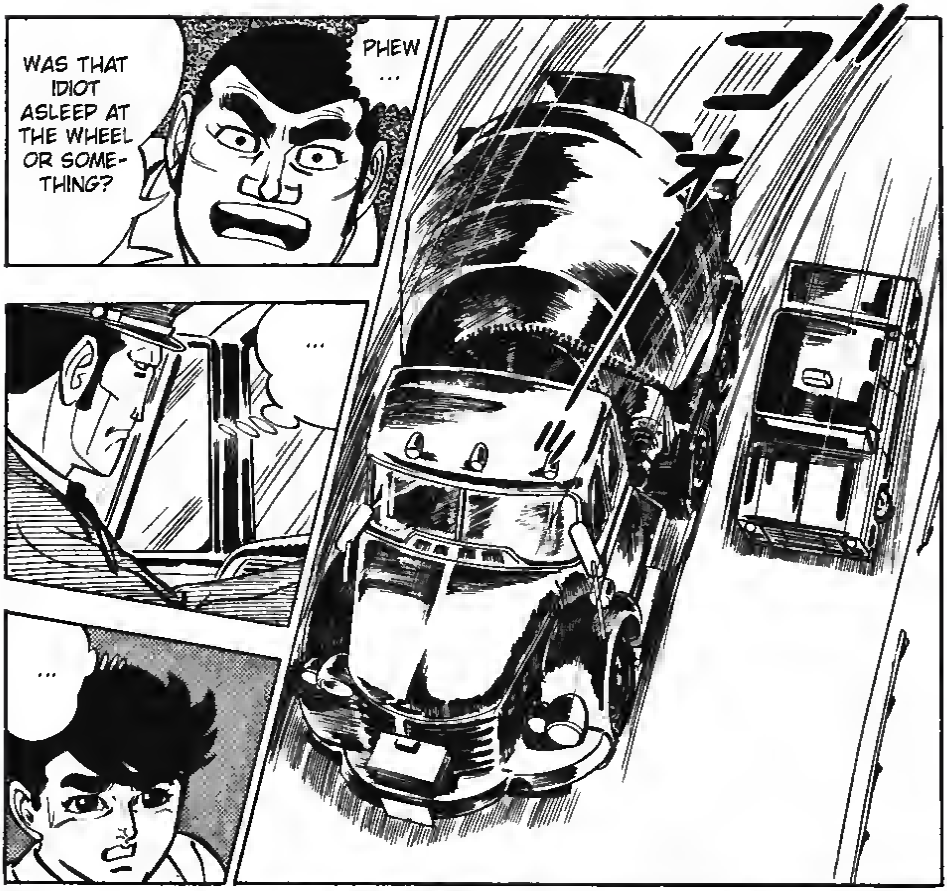
WAS THAT IDIOT ASLEEP AT THE WHEEL OR SOMETHING?
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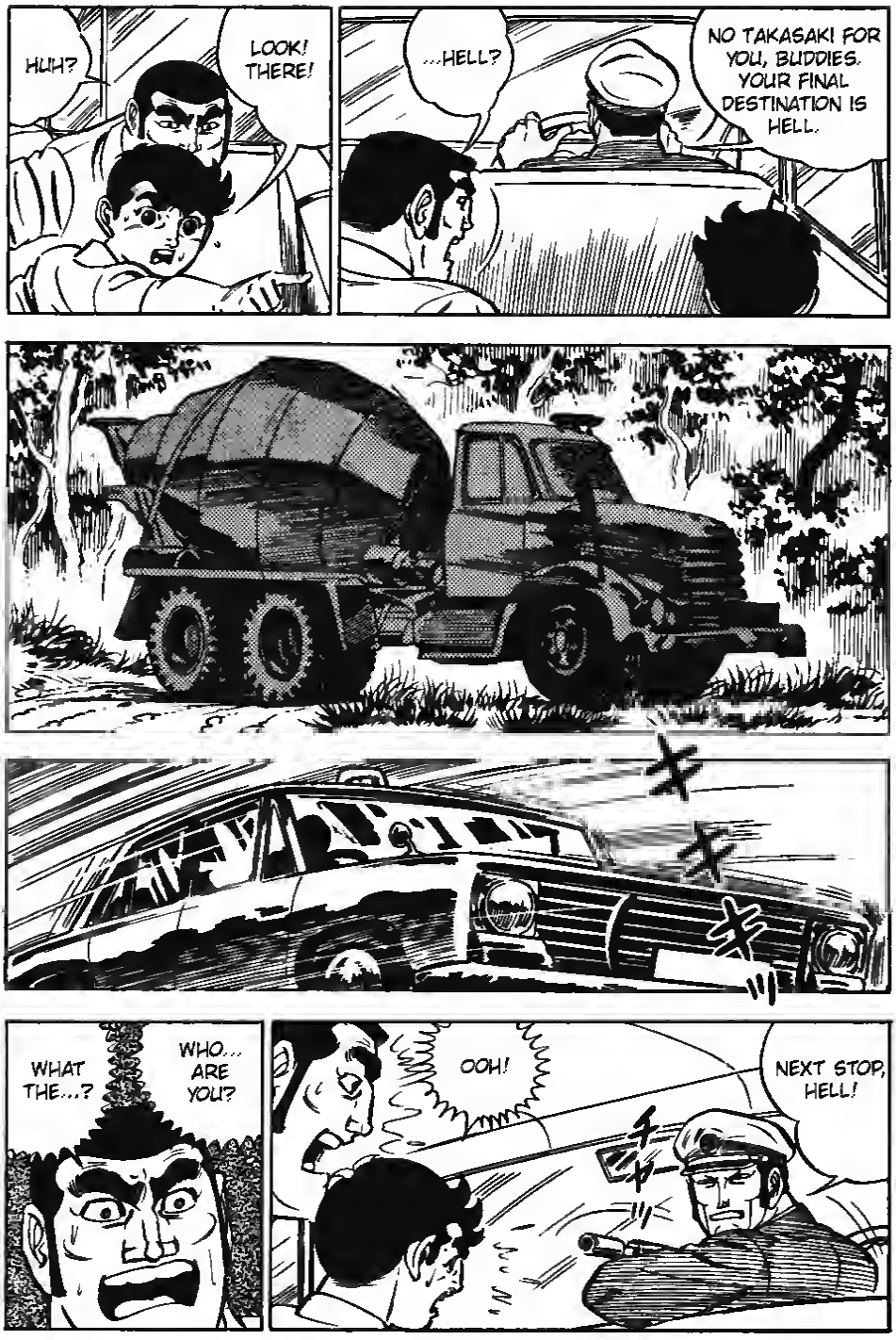
...HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON? THIS DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THE ROAD TO TAKASAKI!


HUH?
LOOK! THERE!
...HELL?
NO TAKASAKI FOR YOU, BUDDIES. YOUR FINAL DESTINATION IS HELL.
WHAT THE...?
WHO... ARE YOU?
OOH!
NEXT STOP, HELL!

LOOK! IT'S THOSE FOREIGN-ERS AGAIN!
BLAST IT! THOSE BASTARDS ON THE HELICOP-TERS!
D-DAMN YOU!
OUT OF THE CAR!
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WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO TO US?
...OUR TWO LITTLE FRIENDS.
IH, IH, IH! IT'S REALLY THEM...

EH, EH, EH!
AND IF ANYTHING HAPPENED TO US, YOU'D BE-
WE'VE ALREADY REPORTED THE MURDER TO THE COPS!
KILLING US WON'T HELP YOU!
SINCE YOU WITNESSED A MURDER... I'M SURE YOU KNOW THE ANSWER. IH, IH!
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...DOESN'T CONCERN US AT ALL.
OUR JOB IS TO KILL THE TWO OF YOU. WHAT HAPPENS AFTER...
TSU-TSUYO-SHI...!
IT'S CALLED EVIDENCE DISPOSAL, YOU KNOW...
YOU... ARE GOING TO THROW US INTO THAT THING AFTER SHOOTING US?

YOU BEG THEM TOO, BOYO! GET DOWN ON YOUR KNEES AND BEG!
I BEG YOU!
SPARE US, PLEASE! IF YOU SPARE US, YOU'LL NEVER SEE US AGAIN!
BAH!
AWWW!
STAND STILL, BOYO!

HEY!
DAMN!
RGHH!
YAH-AAA!
NOOOO!

GHAA-AH!
HE'LL BE THE FIRST TO DIE!
YOU WANT TO SHOOT? GO AHEAD!
OH!
JUMP INTO THE CAR, BOYO!
BUT... YOU...?
INTO THE CAR, I SAID! NOW!

LOCK YOURSELF IN!
UNHHH...NO! WAIT!
SHOOT.
ARGHHH!

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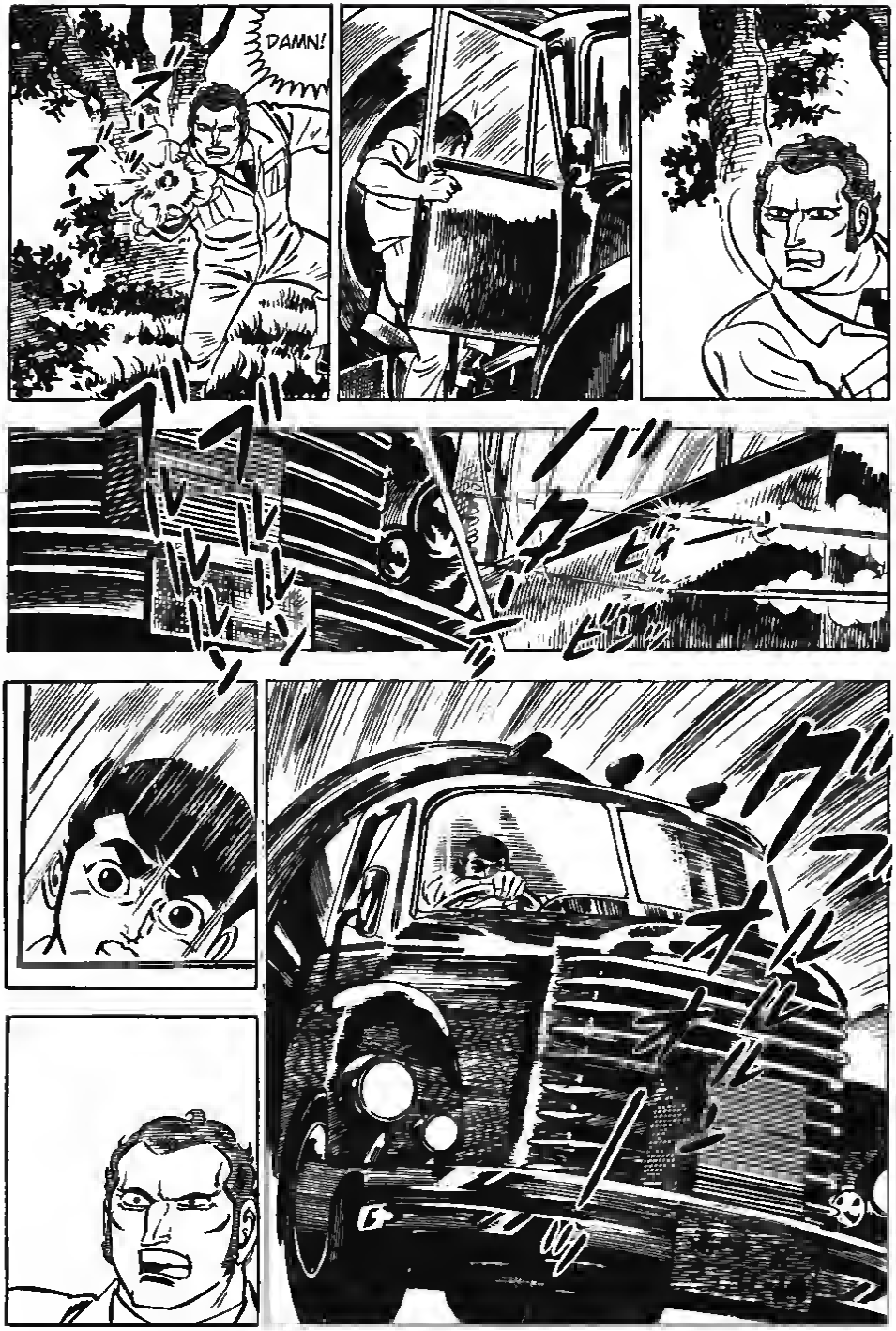
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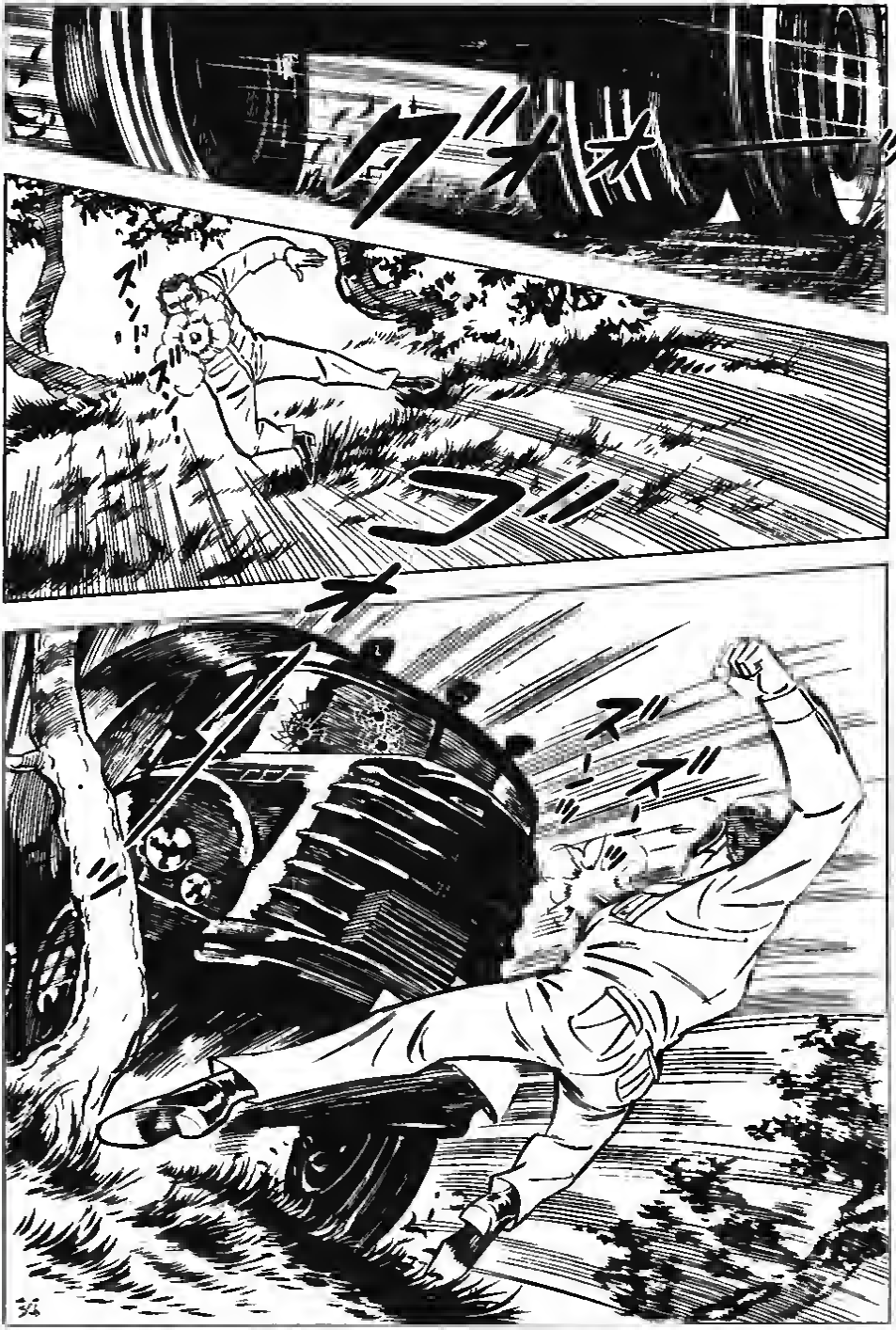
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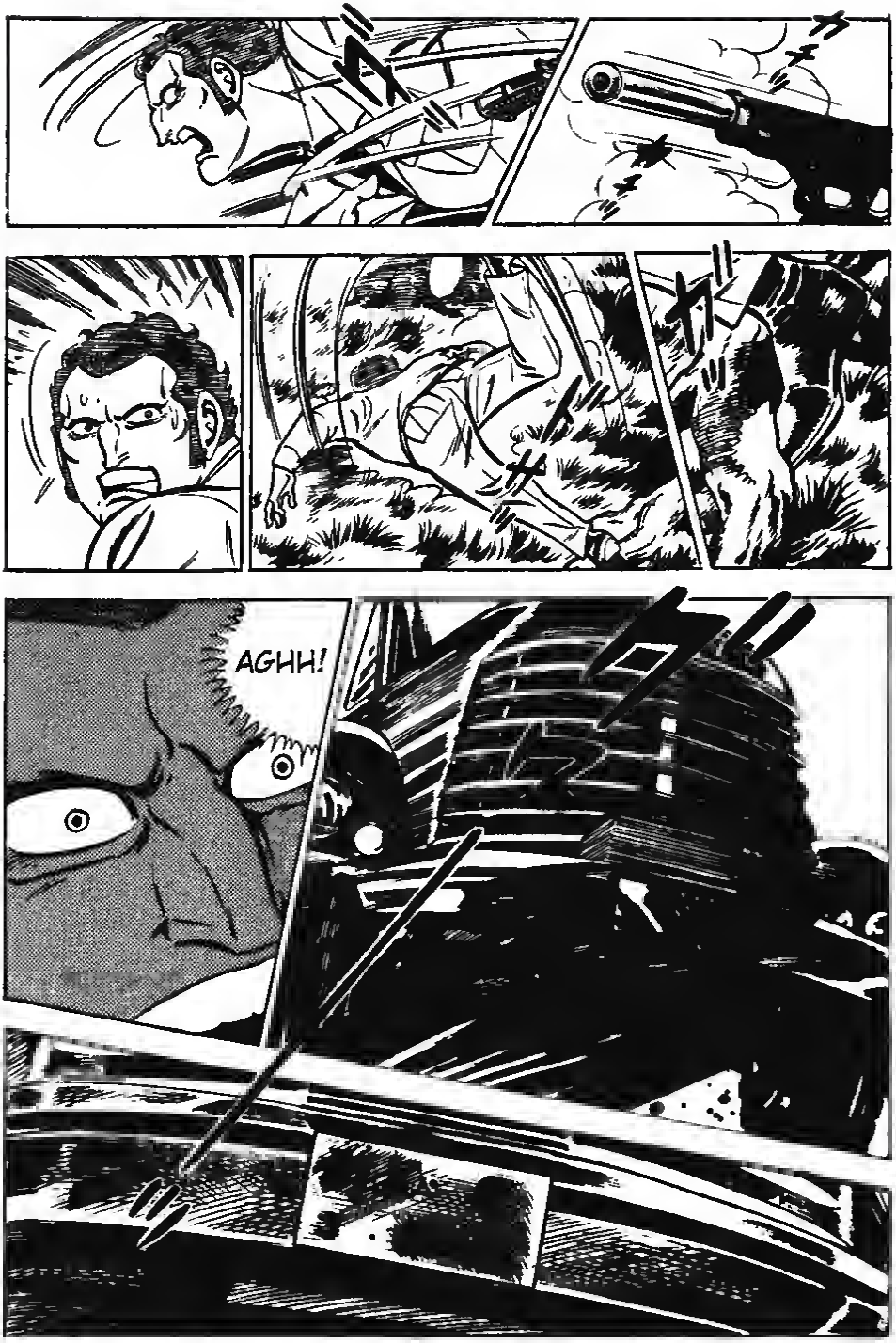
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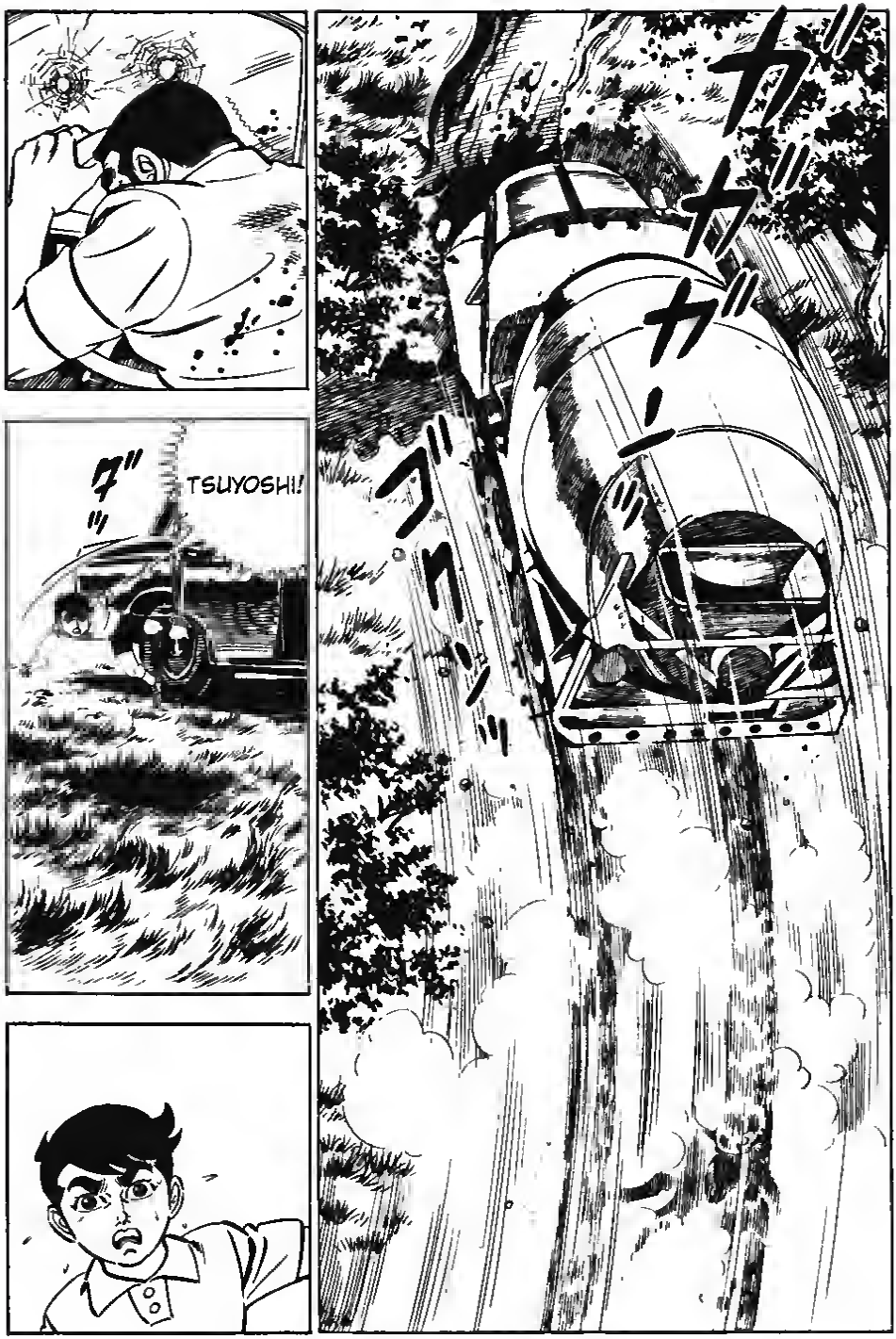
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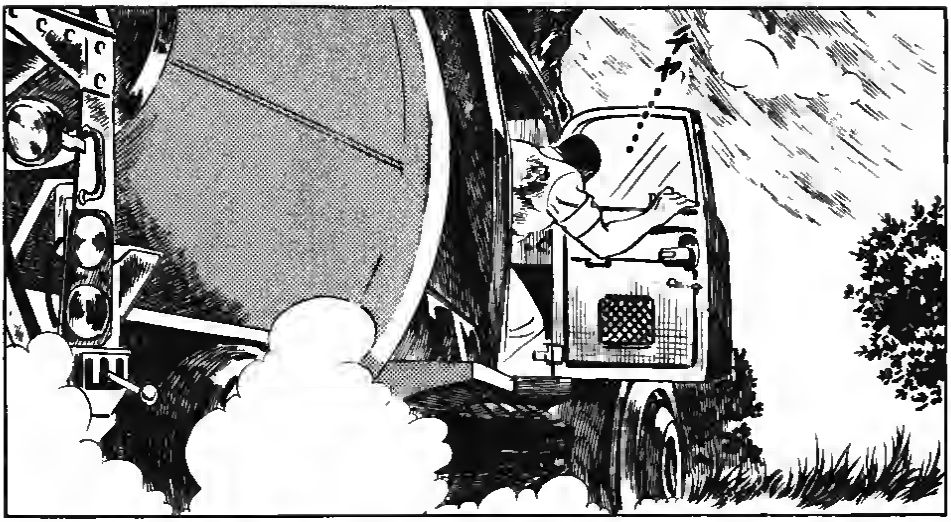
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BOYO...

T-TSUYOSHI!

TSUYOSHI!
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DON'T DIE,
TSUYOSHI,
PLEASE!
DON'T DIE!
BO-
BOYO...
TSUYOSHI!
NOO-
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...THERE'S SOME
MONEY... AND...
IN MY DESK
DRAWER...
L-LISTEN TO
ME... BOYO... IN
MY POCKET....

D-DON'T DIE, PLEASE!
...USE ALL THE MONEY... GET WELL QUICK...
...IN MY DESK DRAWER... MY BANK BOOK... AND MY PERSONAL STAMP...
...
...L-LISTEN TO ME, BOYO... LISTEN WELL...
...OKAY? DID YOU UNDERSTAND...?
...DO AS I SAY... NOW... YOU CAN'T STAY HERE... THEY' LL FIND YOU...
...RUN... QUICK... TELL THE POLICE...
...I DON'T WANT YOU TO DIE...
DON'T DIE!
DON'T DIE!
...YOUR... BROTHER...
...
...BEING...
...IT WAS... FUN...

IT'S NOT TRUE...
IT CAN'T BE...
HE'S NOT DEAD!
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I'M GOD! BELIEVE IN ME! FOLLOW MY COMMAND-MENTS!
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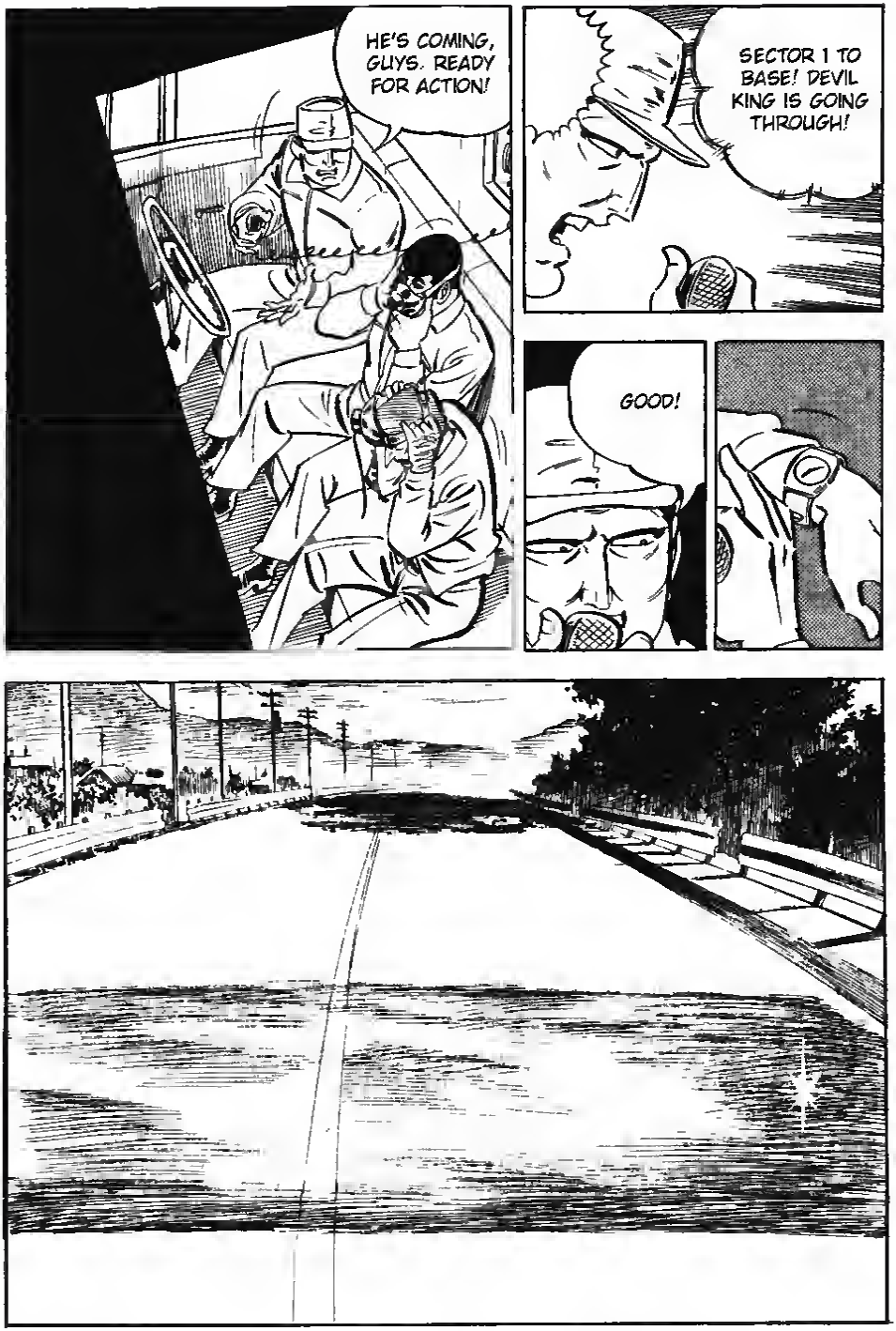
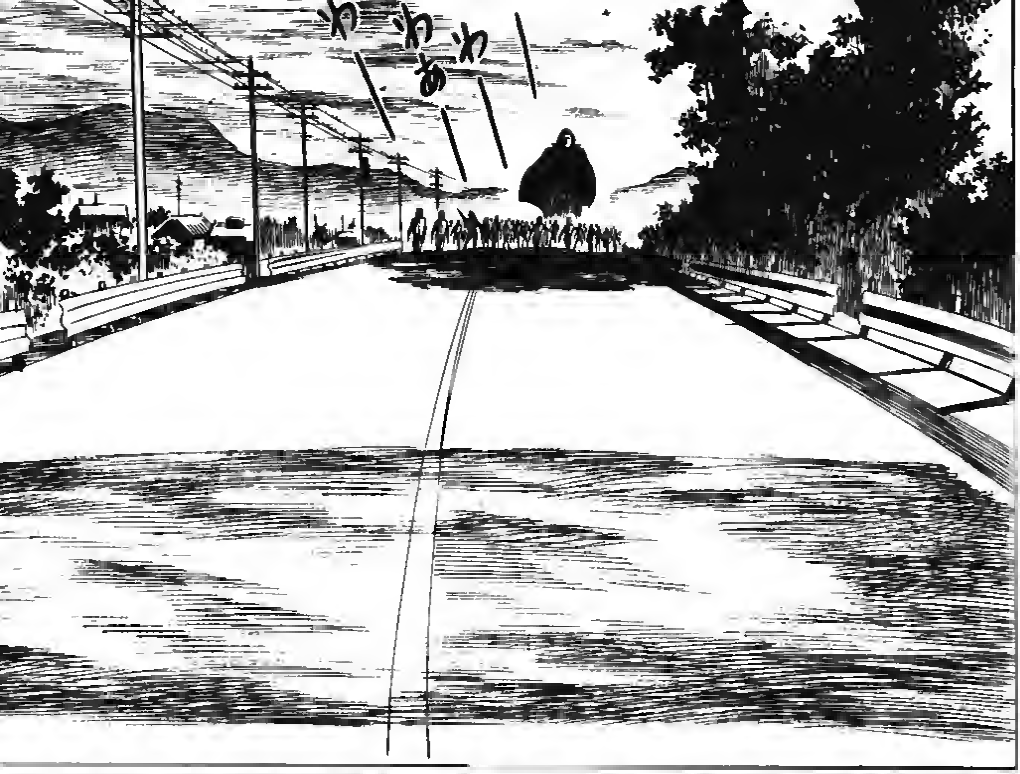
GOOD.
DEVIL KING JUST WENT THROUGH SECTOR 2.
BASE SPEAKING!
HERE SECTOR 2, GO AHEAD, BASE!


HE'S COMING, GUYS. READY FOR ACTION!
SECTOR 1 TO BASE! DEVIL KING IS GOING THROUGH!
GOOD!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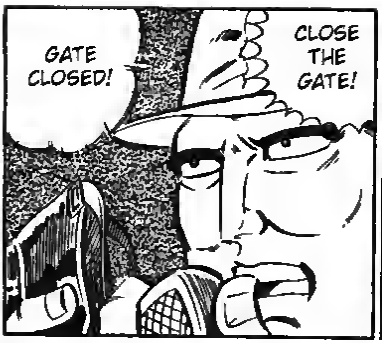
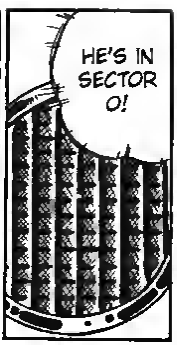

GATE CLOSED!
CLOSE THE GATE!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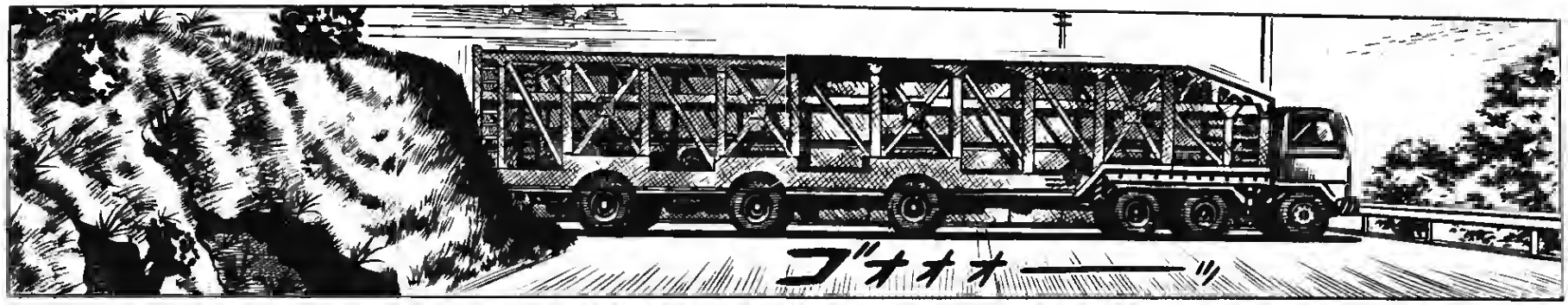
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THEY THINK THEY CAN STOP US!
...T-THE RIOT POLICE AGAIN?
W-WHAT'S THAT...?
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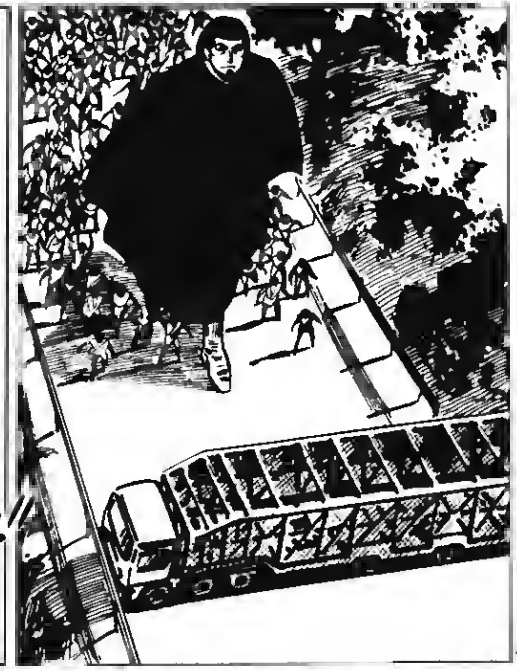
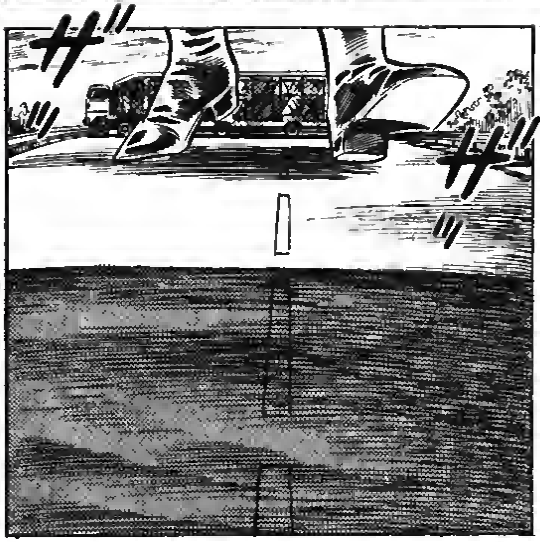
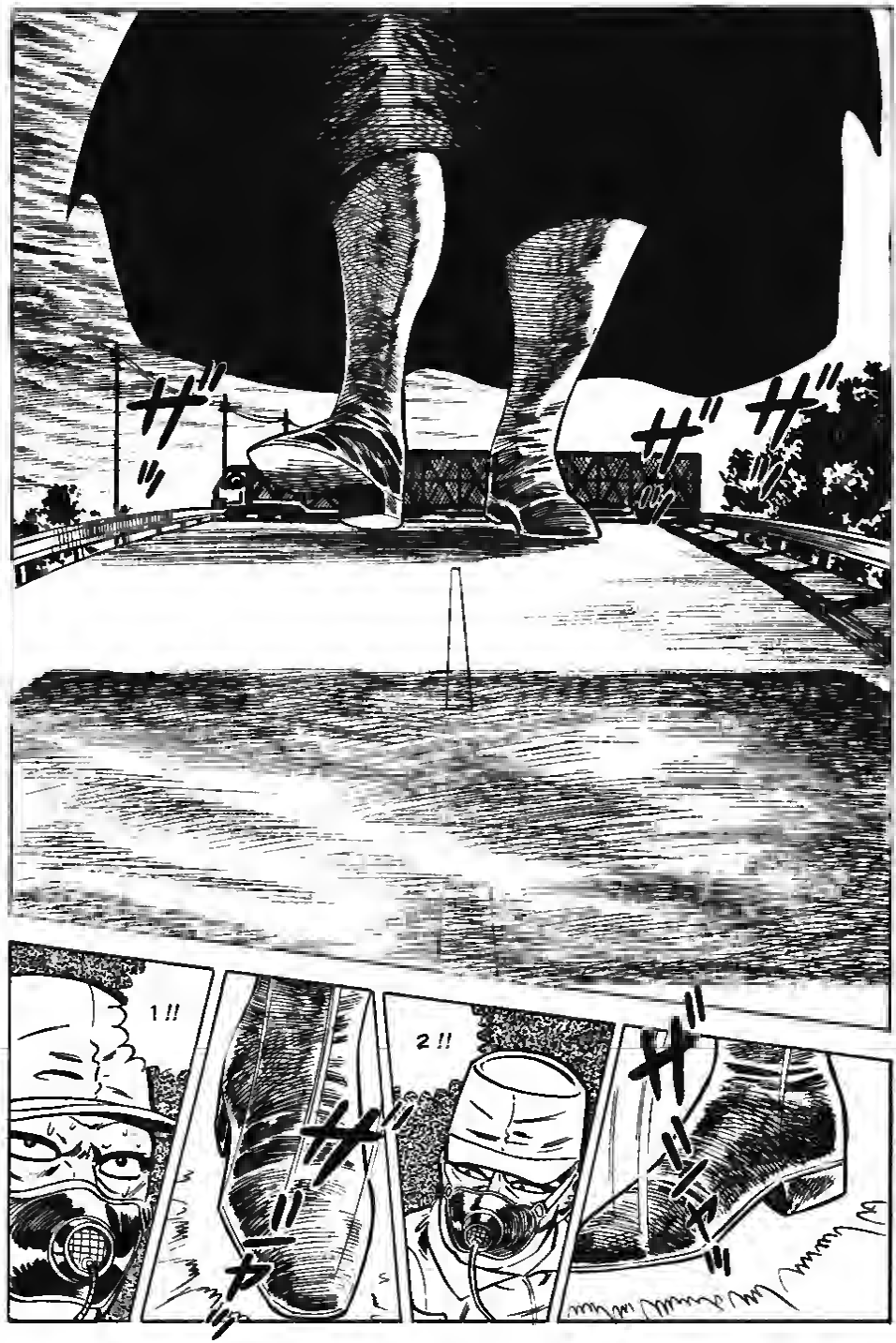




JUST BECAUSE HE'S GONE THROUGH, HE THINKS THEY'RE STILL BEHIND HIM.
EXCELLENT! THE GIANT HASN'T NOTICED THE CROWD CAN'T SEE HIM ANYMORE.
JUST AS WE EXPECTED. HE CAN'T ESCAPE NOW.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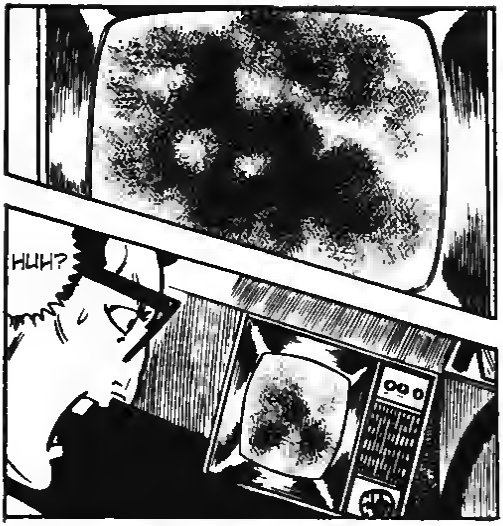
HERE WE GO!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EVERY-BODY OUT!
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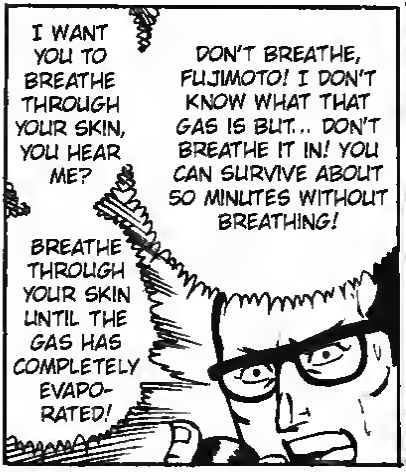
I WANT YOU TO BREATHE THROUGH YOUR SKIN, YOU HEAR ME?
DON'T BREATHE, FUJIMOTO! I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT GAS IS BUT... DON'T BREATHE IT IN! YOU CAN SURVIVE ABOUT 50 MINUTES WITHOUT BREATHING!
BREATHE THROUGH YOUR SKIN UNTIL THE GAS HAS COMPLETELY EVAPO-RATED!

DON'T BREATHE IT IN, NO MATTER WHAT!
...CAN YOU STILL HEAR ME, FUJIMOTO?
FUJI-MOTO ...?
WHERE DOES THAT GAS COME FROM?
WHERE'S GOD?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
HEY, LOOK! SMOKE!
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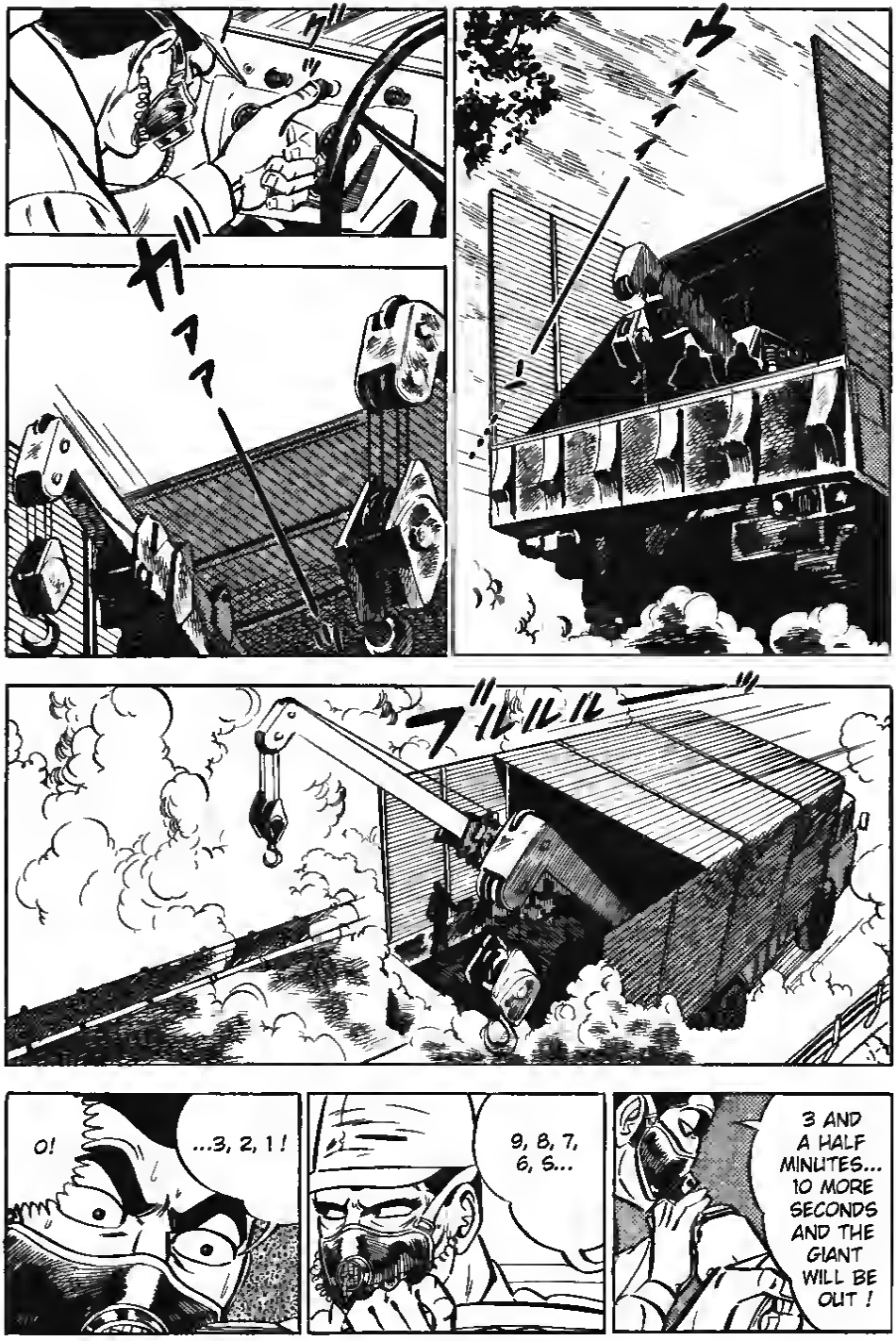
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9, 8, 7, 6, 5...
3 AND A HALF MINUTES... 10 MORE SECONDS AND THE GIANT WILL BE OUT!

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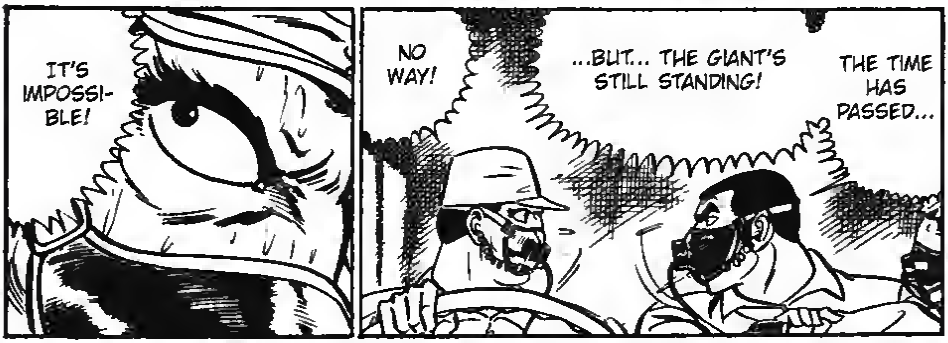
IT'S IMPOSSI-BLE!
NO WAY!
...BUT... THE GIANT'S STILL STANDING!
THE TIME HAS PASSED...

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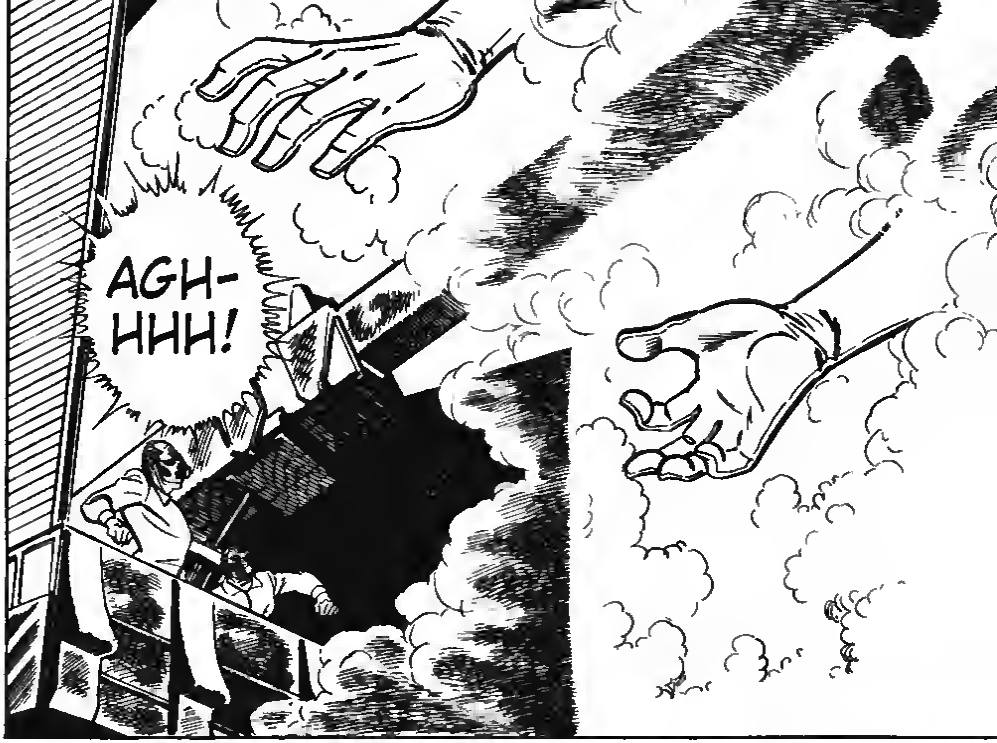
OOO-OH!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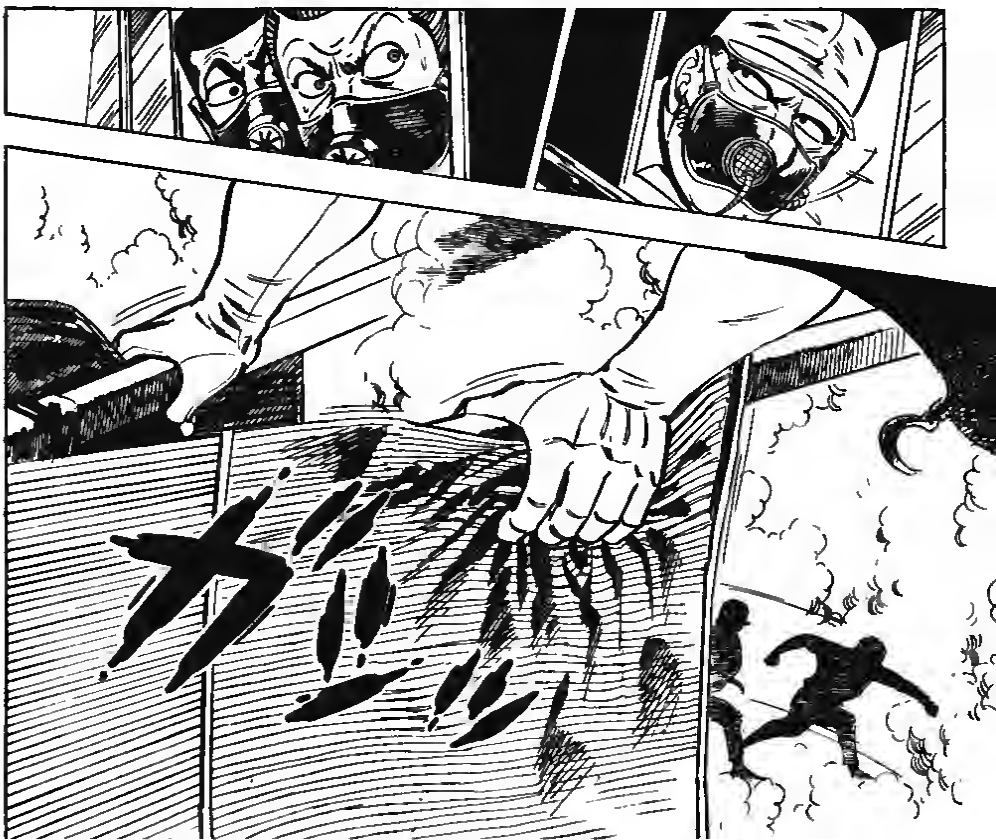
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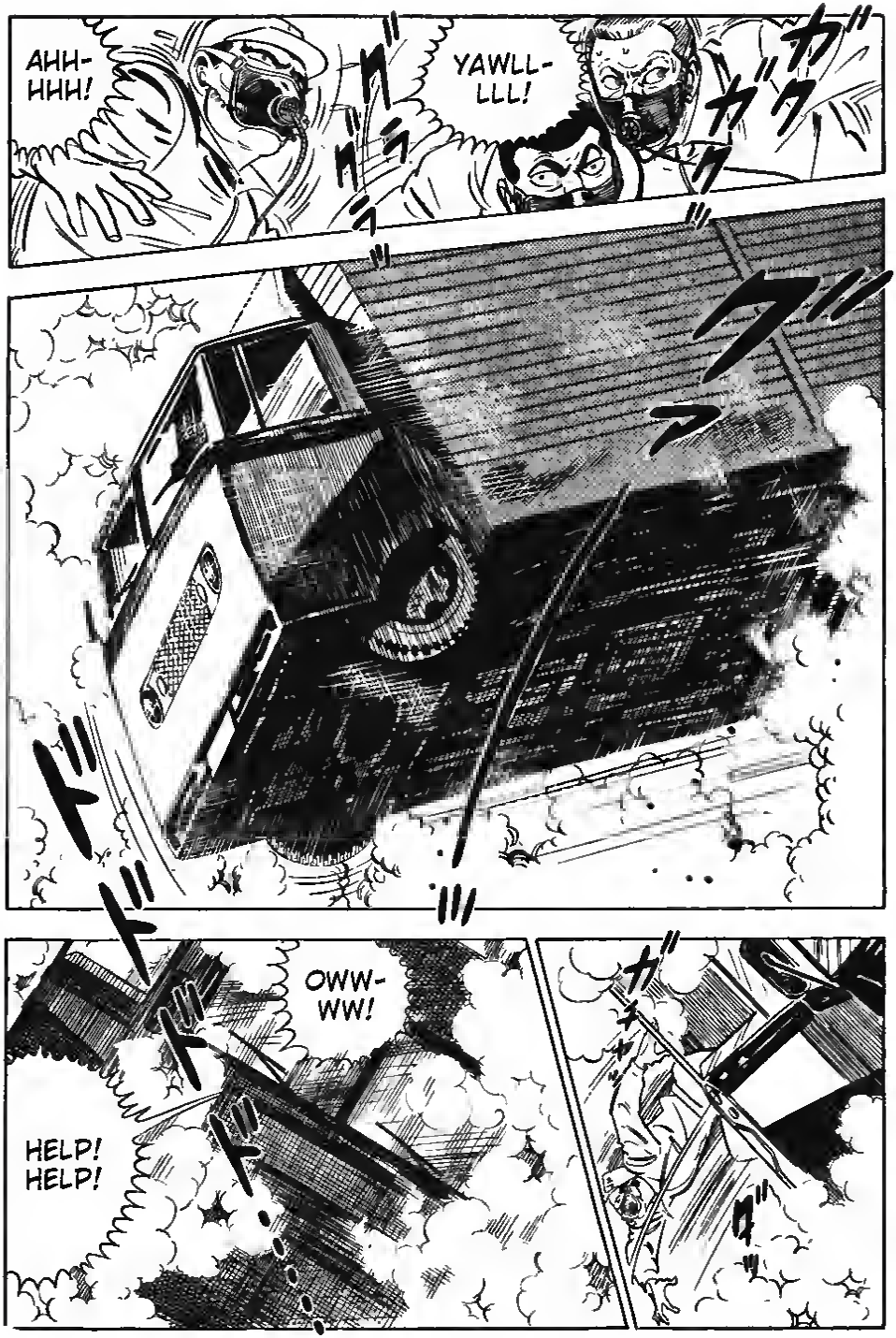
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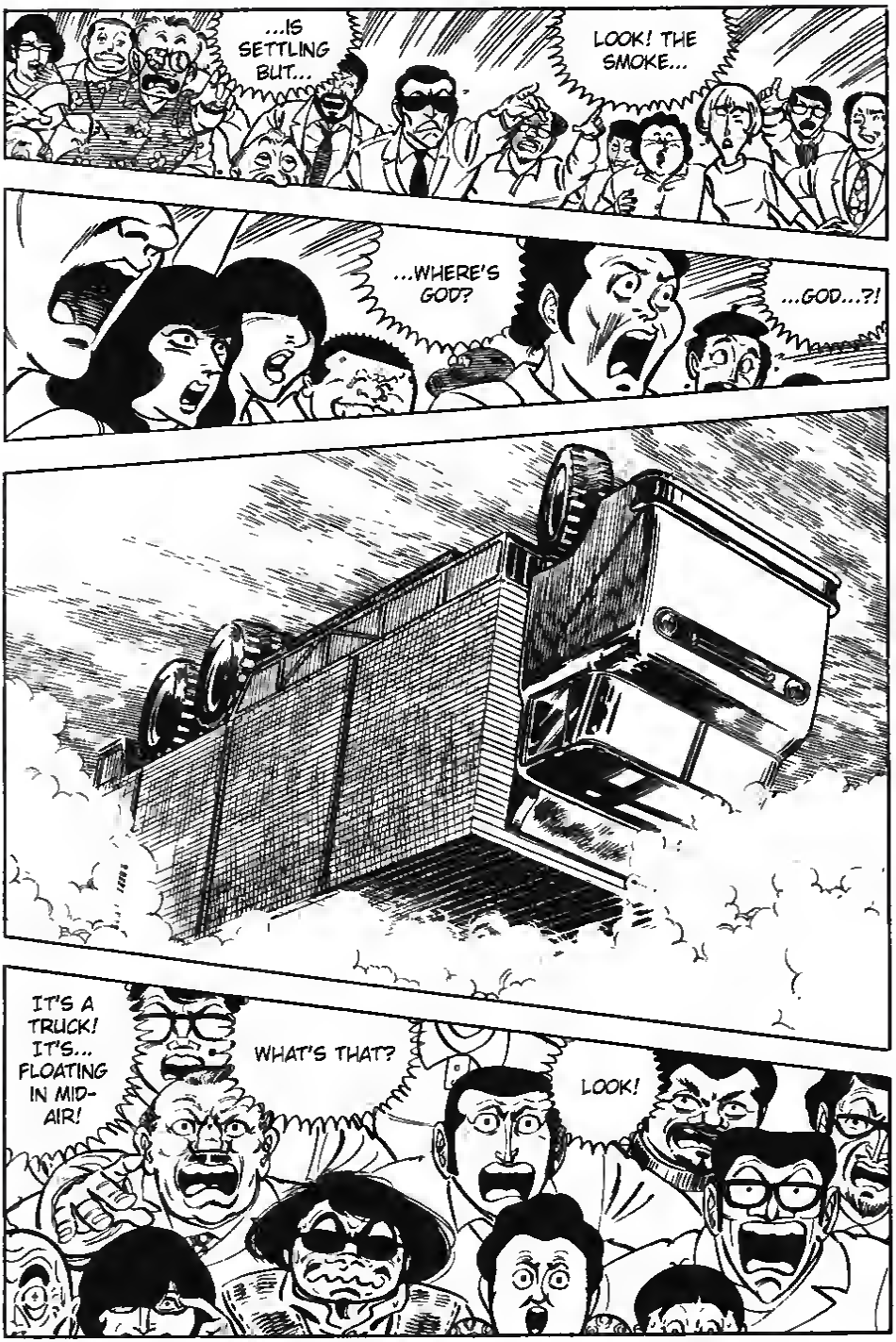
...IS SETTLING BUT...
LOOK! THE SMOKE...
...WHERE'S GOD?
...GOD...?!
IT'S A TRUCK! IT'S... FLOATING IN MID-AIR!
WHAT'S THAT?
LOOK!

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HE'S LIFTING UP
THE TRUCK!
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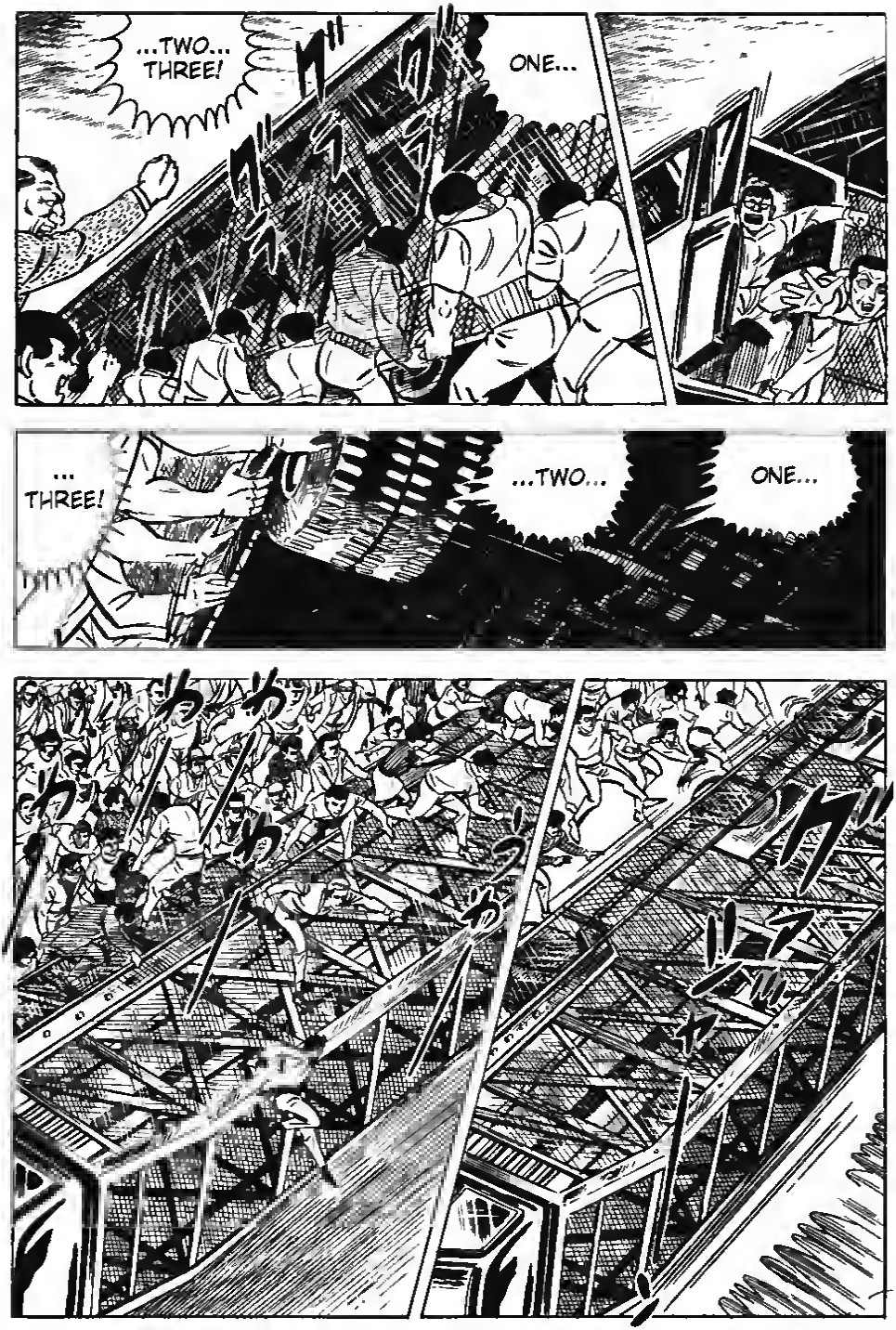
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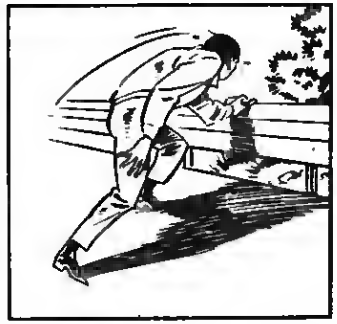
GET HIM!
HE RAISED HIS HAND AGAINST GOD!
HE'S RUNNING AWAY!



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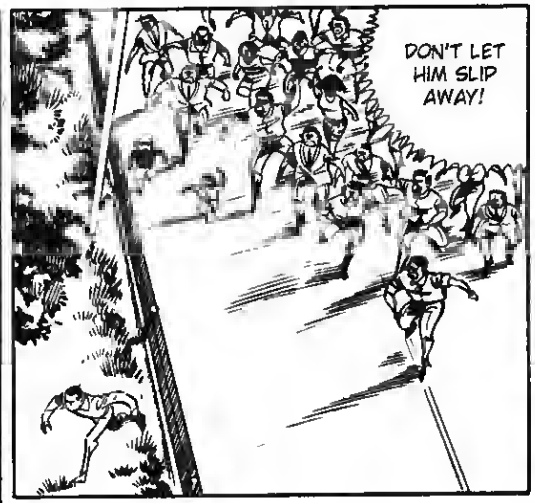
DON'T LET HIM SLIP AWAY!

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YEAH! EVEN IF YOU KILL US, GOD WILL BRING US BACK TO LIFE!
WE'VE GOT GOD ON OUR SIDE!
WHAT GOOD IS A GUN?
WAIT! HE'S AN IMPOSTOR! HE'S NOT GOD!
WAIT!

HOW DARE YOU TALK LIKE THAT ABOUT GOD!
BLAS-PHEMY!
WAIT!
WAIT, LET ME EX-PLAIN!
HE'S NOT GOD!
...AND HOW?
...PROVE IT...?
I CAN PROVE IT!
...
...
THERE IS NO PLACE FOR GOD IN A TECHNOLOGICAL WORLD LIKE OURS! HE'S JUST A MAN WHOSE POWERS HAVE BEEN ENHANCED...
...BY SCIENCE! HE'S JUST A... HUMAN ROBOT!

THE ONLY SPECIAL THING ABOUT HIM...
MIRACLES? ...INCREASING A DOG'S SIZE? ...MAKING A LIGHT APPEAR? THEY WERE JUST TRICKS! DON'T YOU SEE?
WE'VE WITNESSED HIS MIRACLES!
THAT'S RIGHT!
YOU CAN'T PROVE IT!
...
IF GOD REALLY EXISTED, HE'D HAVE NO BODY, NO SIZE!
...IS HIS SIZE! SOMEBODY INCREASED HIS SIZE, JUST LIKE HE INCREASED THE DOG'S! BUT A REAL GOD HAS NO SHAPE, NO DIMENSIONS!
CAN'T YOU SEE?
AH, AH, AH, AH!
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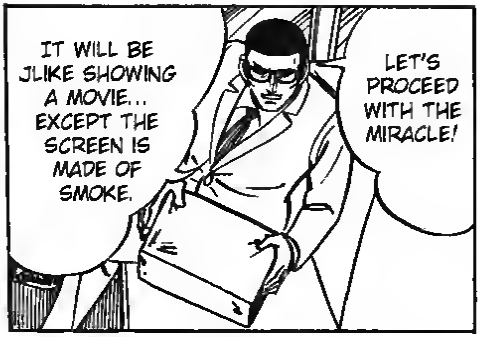
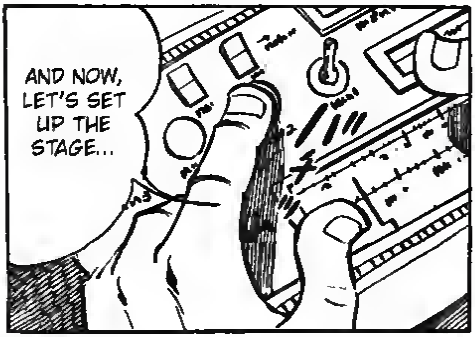
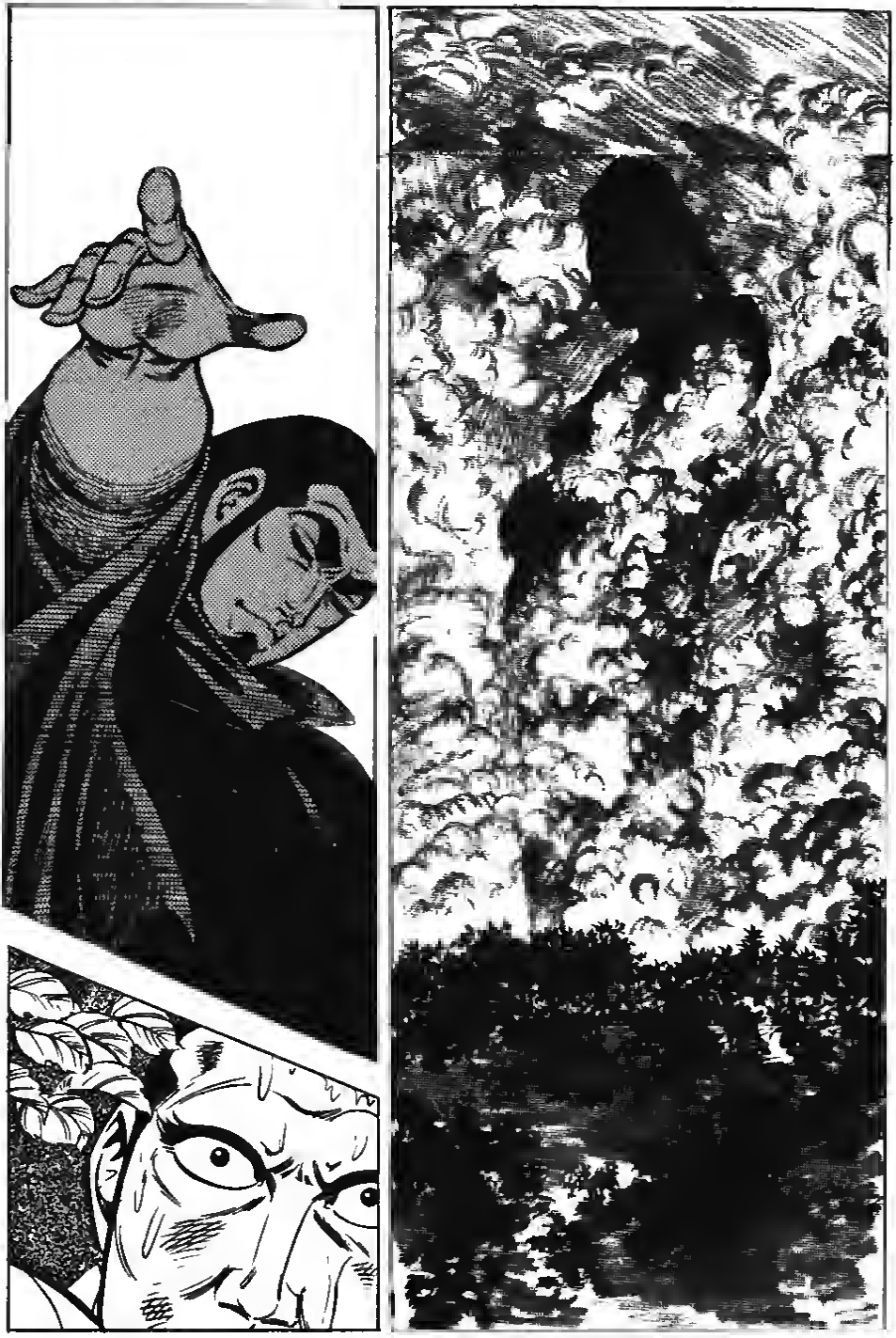
LET ME SHOW THEE MY TRUE NATURE, AND THEN I SHALL RE-ENTER THIS BODY!
THIS HUMAN-SHAPED SHELL IS JUST MY TEMPORARY ABODE!
O MAN OF LITTLE FAITH! O PATHETIC SINNER!
BEHOLD!

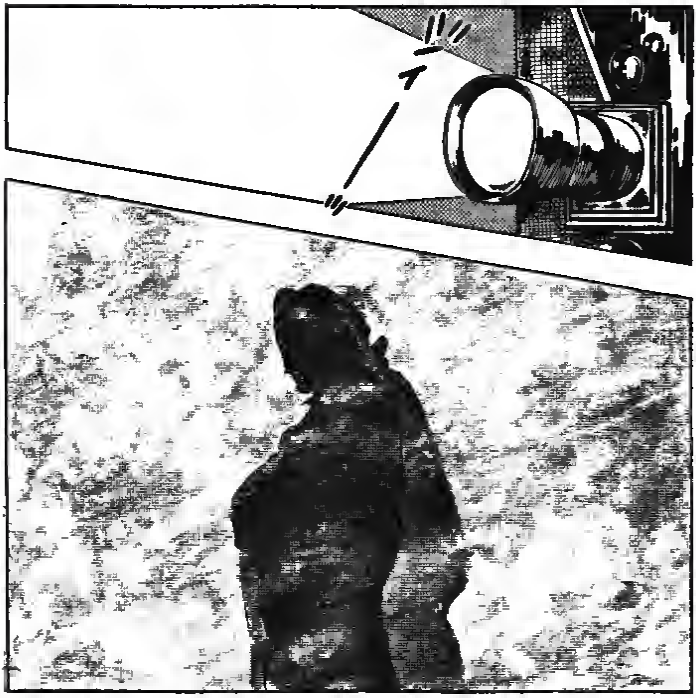
EH, EH, EH. WITHOUT KNOWING, THAT IDIOT JUST GAVE US THE PRETEXT TO INTRODUCE MIRACLE NUMBER 3!


IT WILL BE JLIKE SHOWING A MOVIE... EXCEPT THE SCREEN IS MADE OF SMOKE.
LET'S PROCEED WITH THE MIRACLE!

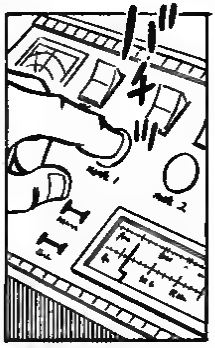

AND NOW, LET'S SET UP THE STAGE...

LOOK AT THE SMOKE!
THE SMOKE IS ENVELOPING THE STATUE OF KANNON!
OOOOH!

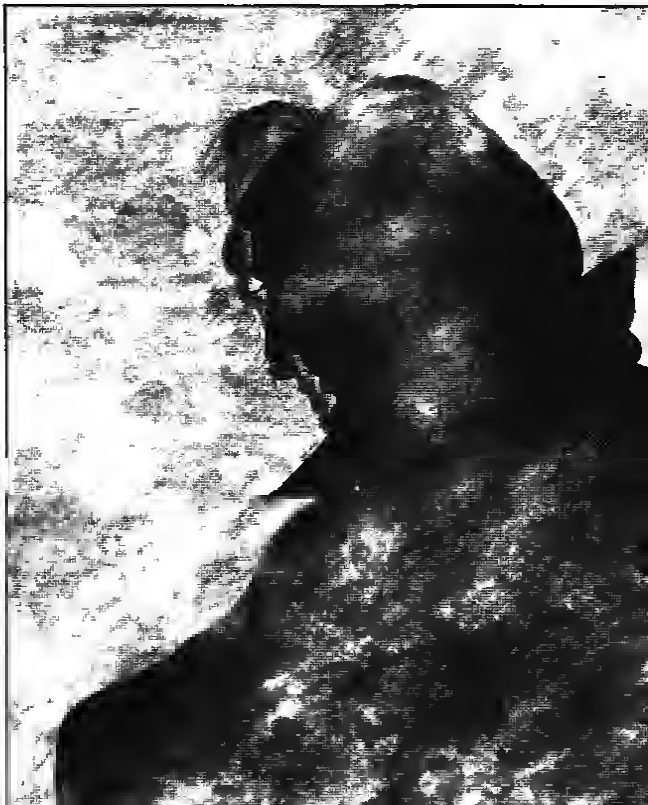




LET'S START SHOW-ING!!



LOOK AT THE STATUE! ITS PROFILE...
OOO-OOH!
...IS CHANG-ING...!



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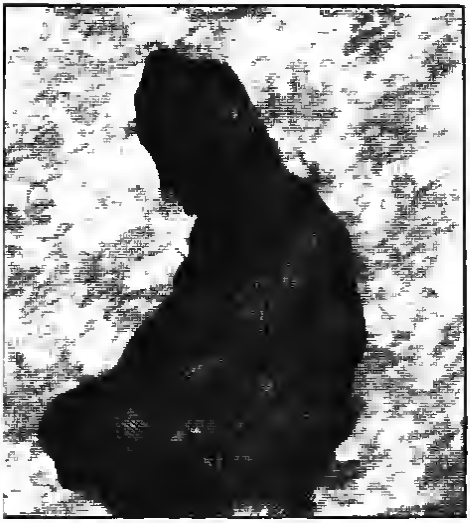
THE STATUE OF KANNON HAS CHANGED INTO GOD!
...IT'S GOD!
BUT THEN...

...HE'S IN TWO PLACES AT ONCE!
OOO-OOH!
I AM GOD! BELIEVE IN ME! FOLLOW MY COMMANDMENTS!
GOD!

FOOLS! THEY FELL FOR SUCH A SIMPLE TRICK... EH, EH, EH!
EH, EH, EH. THAT VOICE DISTORTER WE SET IN PLACE WILL MAKE HIS VOICE SOUND EVEN LESS HUMAN...
...IT'S IMPOS SIBLE ...!
IT CAN'T BE...



GOD!

...BUT IF THOU BETRAY ME, THOU SHALL BE DESTROYED!
IF THOU BELIEVE, IN ME THOU SHALL SEE THE GLORY OF HEAVEN!

IH, IH... TIME TO DESTROY THE EVIDENCE!
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...IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY GOD HAS DESCENDED TO EARTH IN HUMAN FORM!
...EVEN THOSE WHO HAD BEEN IN DOUBT, WILL NOW HAVE TO ADMIT THAT...
HIS PURPOSE IN DOING SO, HOWEVER, REMAINS CLOUDED IN MYSTERY!
THE EYES OF THE WHOLE WORLD ARE ON HIM...
HE'S REALLY GOD! THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT!
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HOW... DID HE...?

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...HAVE BEEN FOUND ALONG THE PATH OF THE GIANT,, SOME WITH BULLET WOUNDS, SOME CRUSHED TO DEATH,..

...AND NOW A BREAKING STORY... SEVERAL BODIES OF JAPANESE AND FOREIGN NATIONALS.

...AND UNTIL THE ANSWER BECOMES CLEAR, ALL EYES WILL BE NERVOUSLY WATCHING HIM.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS CONVENED A SPECIAL MEETING AT THE PRIME MINISTER'S RESIDENCE TO DISCUSS THE MATTER.

EVERYONE IN THE COUNTRY IS WONDERING WHAT HIS MOTIVES REALLY ARE...

...HE'S EXPECTED TO REACH TOKYO AROUND 5 PM...

...THE GIANT WHO CLAIMS TO BE GOD IS ADVANCING ON TOKYO AT FULL SPEED. AT THIS PACE...

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THE NATIONALITIES OF THE 3 FOREIGN NATIONALS REMAIN UNKNOWN, BUT THE JAPANESE MAN...

... WAS IDENTIFIED AS ONE TSUYOSHI KOMATSUDA, 27 YEARS OLD, TRUCK DRIVER.

...EVIDENCE FOUND ON THE SCENE OF THE CRIME SUGGESTS A FIERCE GUNFIGHT...

...THEY BOTH APPEAR TO BE IN THEIR THIRTIES. THE BODIES HAVE BEEN CRUSHED BY A VERY HEAVY OBJECT...

宮内アナウンサー
MIYAUCHI

REPORTING FROM TAKASAKI. LAST NIGHT, AROUND ONE O'CLOCK...

...THE BODIES OF TWO FOREIGN NATIONALS WERE FOUND IN THE VICINITIES OF TAKASAKI'S KANNON STATUE.

LET'S HEAR ABOUT IT FROM OUR LOCAL CORRESPONDENT.

...THE BOY SEEMS TO HAVE LOST HIS MEMORY AND IS BEING QUESTIONED BY THE POLICE AS WE SPEAK.

FURTHERMORE, THE AUTHORITIES HAVE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY A YOUNG BOY FOUND IN TEARS...

...NEAR THE SCENE OF THE CRIME. APPARENTLY A WITNESS TO THE SHOOTOUT...

...IN A SEPARATE ACCIDENT, THREE FOREIGN NATIONALS MEN, ONE OF WHOM WAS WEARING THE UNIFORM OF A LOCAL TAXI DRIVER, AND ONE JAPANESE, WERE FOUND SHOT TO DEATH THIS MORNING AROUND 9, ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF ANNAKA...

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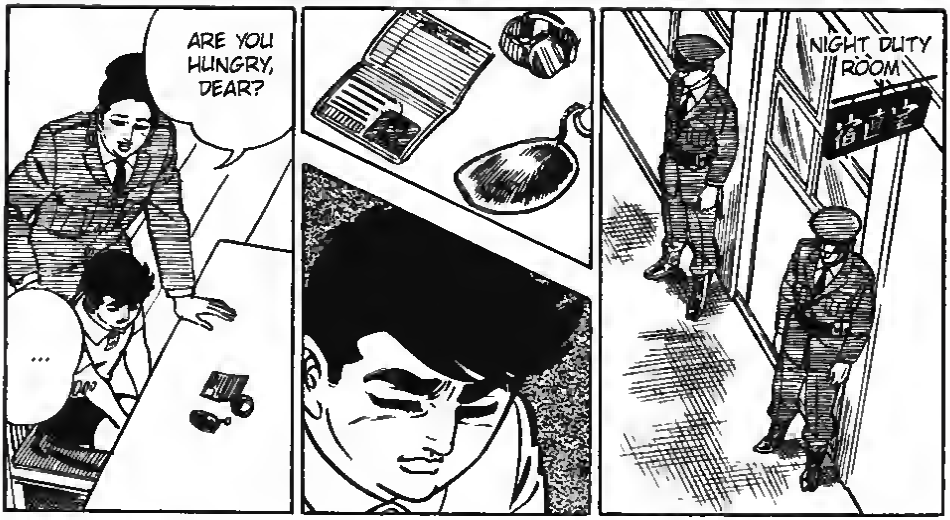
KOBAYASHI

...THE GUNMA POLICE IS CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING THE CAUSES OF DEATH AND THE NATIONALITY OF THE DECEASED...

...AT THE MOMENT NO CLUES SEEM TO HAVE BEEN FOUND ON THE SCENE OF THE CRIME.


ARE YOU HUNGRY, DEAR?
...
NIGHT DUTY ROOM
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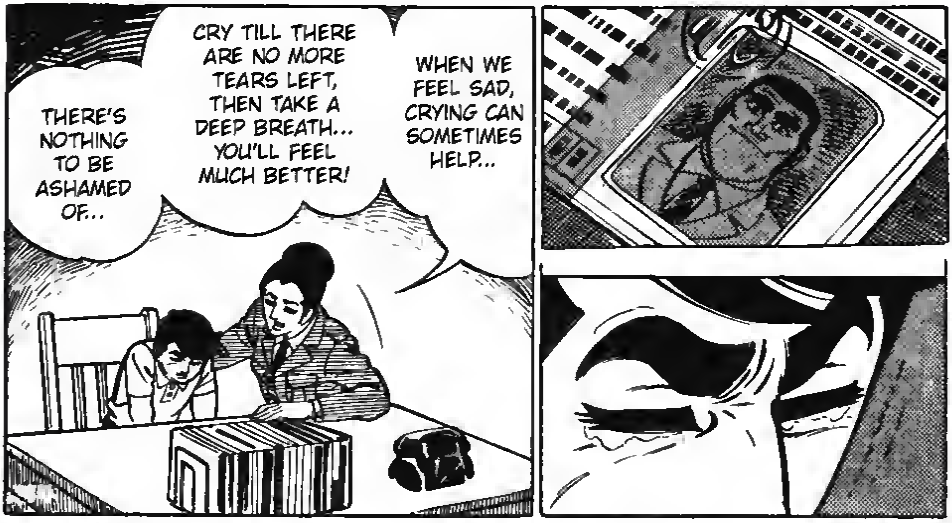
THERE'S NOTHING TO BE ASHAMED OF..
CRY TILL THERE ARE NO MORE TEARS LEFT, THEN TAKE A DEEP BREATH... YOU'LL FEEL MUCH BETTER!
WHEN WE FEEL SAD, CRYING CAN SOMETIMES HELP..

BWA-HAAA-HAAA...
TSU-TSUYOSHI! TSUYOSHI...
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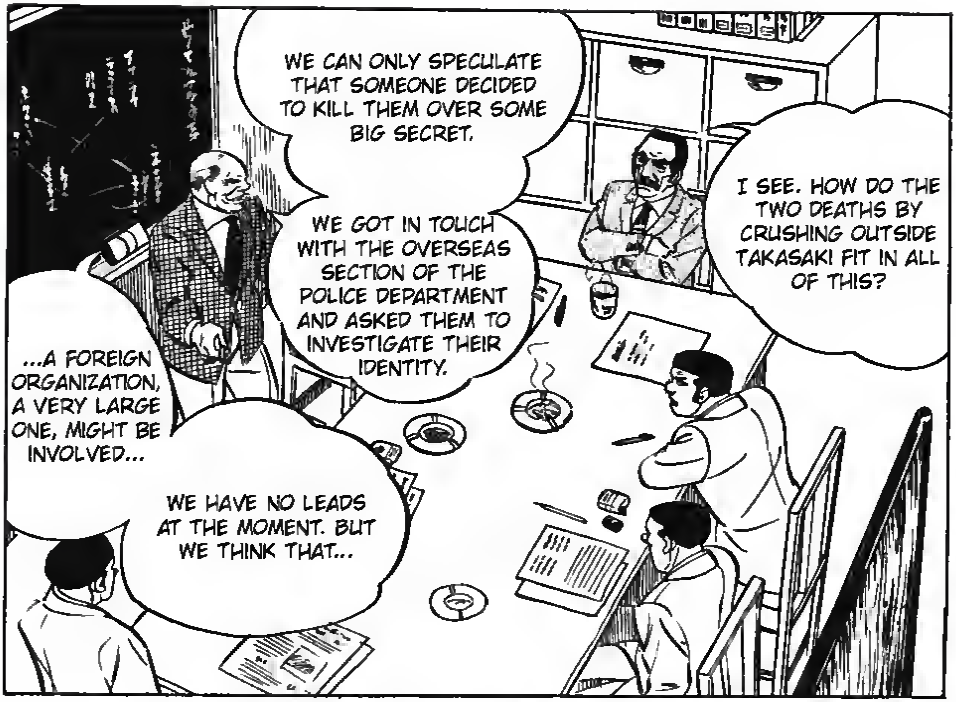
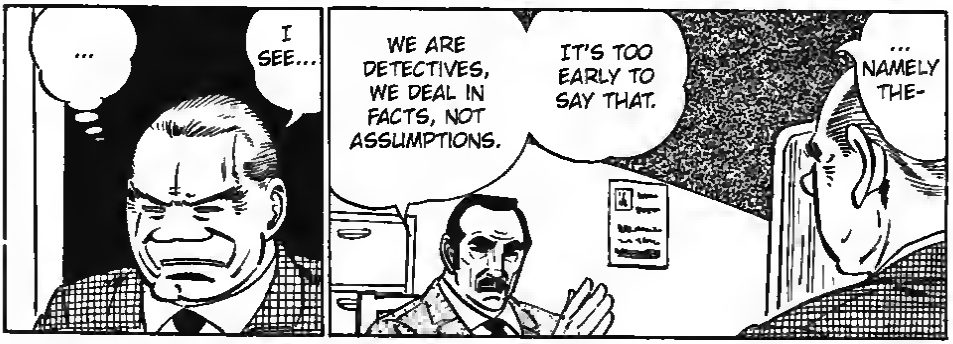
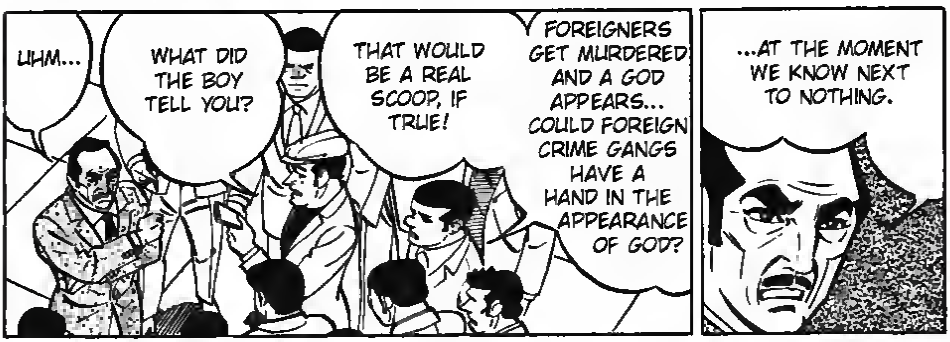
BWA-HAAA-HAAA...
THAT'S GOOD, LET IT ALL OUT.
BWA-HAAA!
外人変死事件
FOREIGNERS MEET VIOLENT DEATH
外人変死事件
FOREIGNERS MEET VIOLENT DEATH
...UNTIL KOMATSUDA KILLED 3 FOREIGNERS AND WAS HIMSELF MORTALLY WOUNDED.
...BY A GROUP OF FOREIGNERS WHO CHASED THEM...
KOMATSUDA AND THE BOY WITNESSED THE MURDER OF KAKUZO SHIMADA OF THE IDAKA CRIME SYNDICATE...
THANKS TO THE YOUNG BOY, WE CAN NOW PIECE TOGETHER WHAT HAPPENED.


WE CAN ONLY SPECULATE THAT SOMEONE DECIDED TO KILL THEM OVER SOME BIG SECRET.
I SEE. HOW DO THE TWO DEATHS BY CRUSHING OUTSIDE TAKASAKI FIT IN ALL OF THIS?
WE GOT IN TOUCH WITH THE OVERSEAS SECTION OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND ASKED THEM TO INVESTIGATE THEIR IDENTITY.
...A FOREIGN ORGANIZATION, A VERY LARGE ONE, MIGHT BE INVOLVED...
WE HAVE NO LEADS AT THE MOMENT. BUT WE THINK THAT...

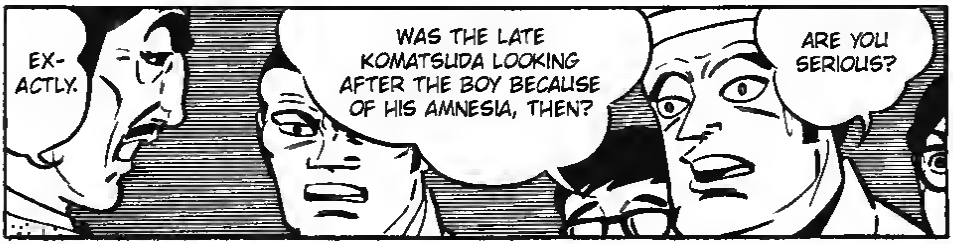

...
I SEE...
WE ARE DETECTIVES, WE DEAL IN FACTS, NOT ASSUMPTIONS.
IT'S TOO EARLY TO SAY THAT.
... NAMELY THE-

...SOMETIMES NEVER RECOVER THEIR MEMORY.
...UNFORTUNATELY, ACCORDING TO THE DOCTORS, PEOPLE SUFFERING FROM REGRESSIVE AMNESIA...
SPEAKING OF WHICH ...
TOO BAD ABOUT HIS MEMORY LOSS, THOUGH...
THE BOY IS A KEY WITNESS, I WANT YOU TO GIVE HIM MAXIMUM PROTECTION.
UHM...
...AND AT THE MOMENT WE HAVE NO CLUES AS TO HIS IDENTITY.
NOBODY FITTING HIS PROFILE HAS BEEN REPORTED MISSING, THOUGH...
UHM... BESIDES PROTECTING HIM, OUR DUTY TO BOY EXTENDS...
...TO INVESTIGATING HIS PAST.
SHOULD WE ASK THE NEWSPAPERS TO COOPERATE WITH US?
WE CAN ONLY HOPE THAT SOMEONE WHO KNOWS HIM WILL SEE HIS PICTURE.
YES, I'D LIKE TO SEE THEM GIVE US A HAND FOR ONCE.

OKAY, LISTEN...
WE NEED TO KNOW!
IS THERE ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN THEM AND THE GIANT?
HAVE YOU IDENTIFIED THOSE FOREIGNERS?


UHM...
WHAT DID THE BOY TELL YOU?
THAT WOULD BE A REAL SCOOP, IF TRUE!
FOREIGNERS GET MURDERED AND A GOD APPEARS... COULD FOREIGN CRIME GANGS HAVE A HAND IN THE APPEARANCE OF GOD?
...AT THE MOMENT WE KNOW NEXT TO NOTHING.

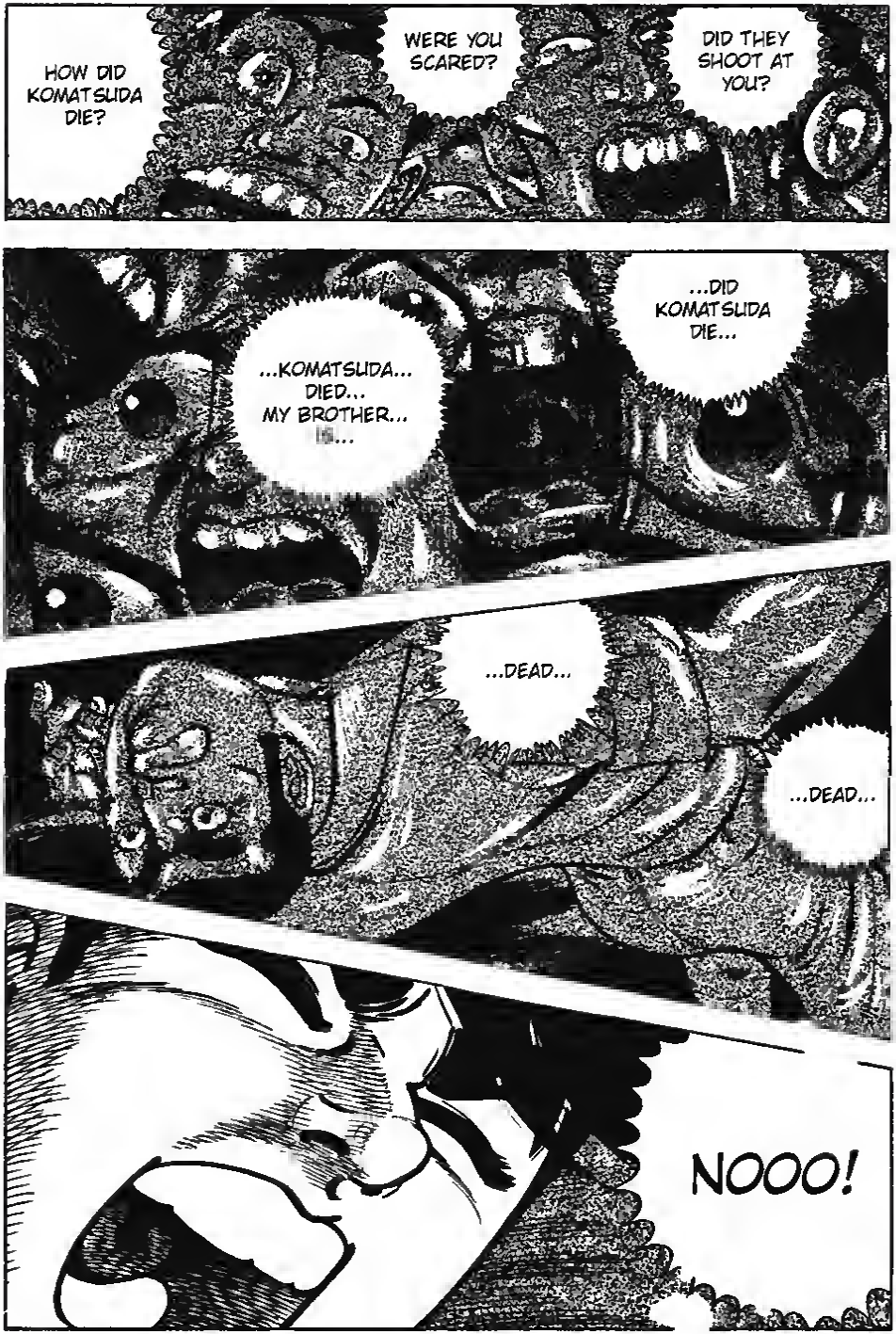
W-WHAT?
...YOU SEE, THE BOY CANNOT REMEMBER ANYTHING AND-
THIS IS WHERE I NEED TO ASK FOR YOUR COOPERATION ...

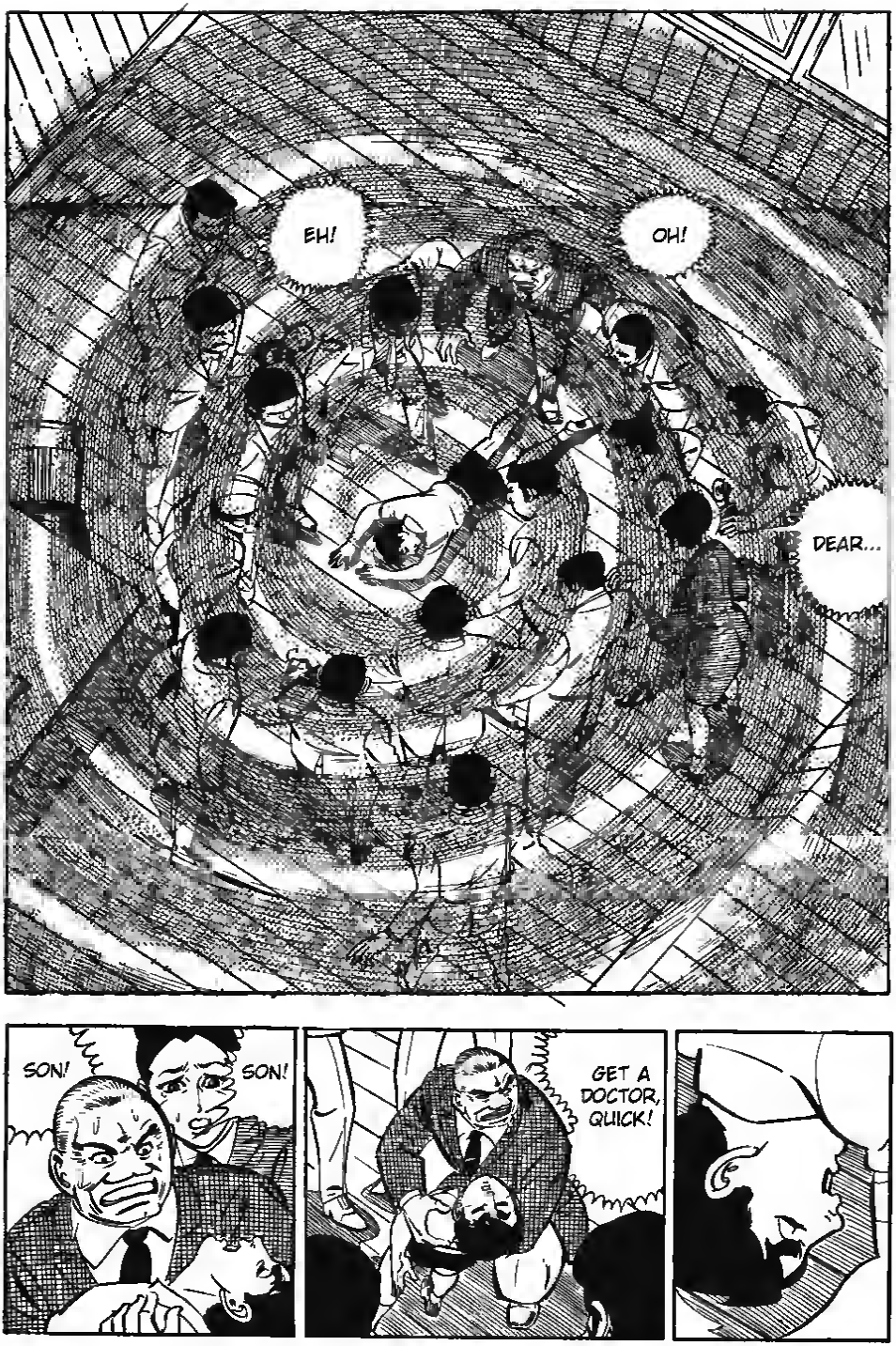

EX-ACTLY.
WAS THE LATE KOMATSUDA LOOKING AFTER THE BOY BECAUSE OF HIS AMNESIA, THEN?
ARE YOU SERIOUS?

KOMATSUDA WAS LOOKING AFTER THE BOY AS IF HE WERE HIS OWN BROTHER.
ACCORDING TO THE BOY, THEY CAME HERE HOPING THE GIANT COULD BRING BACK HIS MEMORY!
...COLLAPSING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE HIGHWAY AND BEING RESCUED BY KOMATSUDA.
THE BOY CANNOT REMEMBER ANYTHING BEFORE KOMATSUDA FOUND HIM. HE ONLY REMEMBERS...
WHY DID KOMATSUDA TOOK HIM TO THIS PART OF THE COUNTRY?
I AGREE!
A POIGNANT HUMAN DRAMA!
WE GOT A STORY!
IN THE NIGHT DUTY ROOM BUT...
WHERE IS THE BOY NOW?
YES, WE GOT A STORY!
... FROM DANGEROUS CRIMINALS!
THE BRAVE KOMATSUDA FOUGHT TO DEATH TRYING TO PROTECT HIS UNFORTUNATE LITTLE FRIEND...
WAIT! YOU CAN'T...! WAIT!

ROAR, ROAR!
BABBLE, BABBLE!
IT'S HIM!
THERE HE IS!

STOP! PLEASE, STOP!
LEAVE HIM ALONE! HE NEEDS REST!
THE BOY COULD SUFFER A SHOCK!
GET OUT, OUT!
DID THEY HAVE GUNS?
HOW DID YOU FEEL WHEN THOSE FOREIGNERS WERE CHASING YOU?
TALK TO US, BOY!


HOW DID KOMATSUDA DIE?
WERE YOU SCARED?
DID THEY SHOOT AT YOU?
...KOMATSUDA... DIED... MY BROTHER... IS...
...DID KOMATSUDA DIE...
...DEAD...
...DEAD...
NOOO!


EH!
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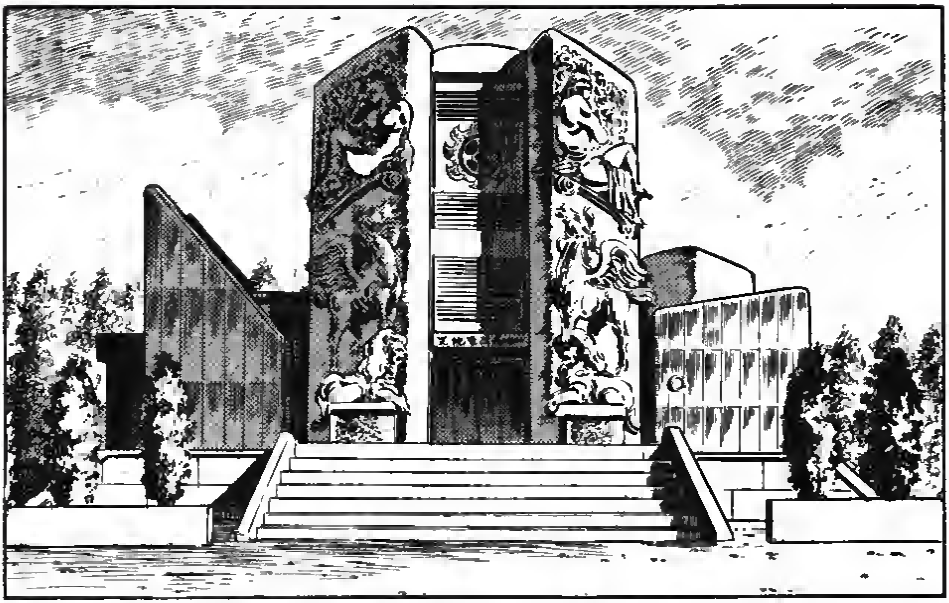
DEAR...
SON!
SON!
GET A DOCTOR, QUICK!



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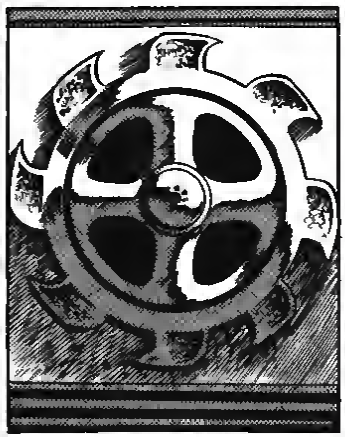
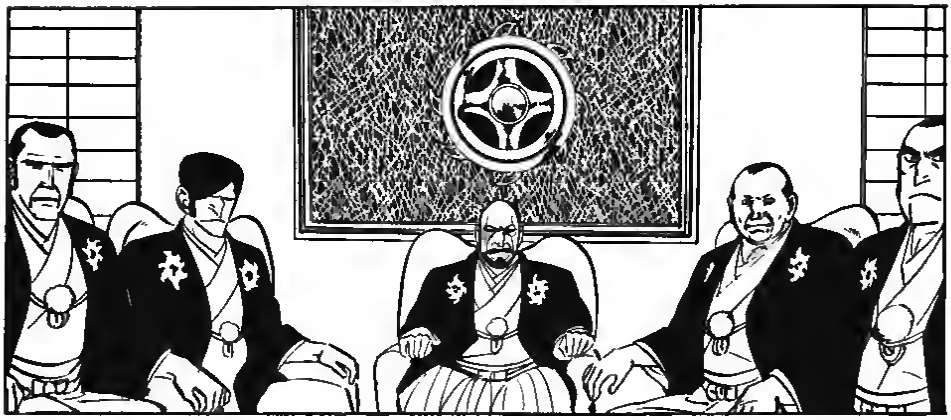
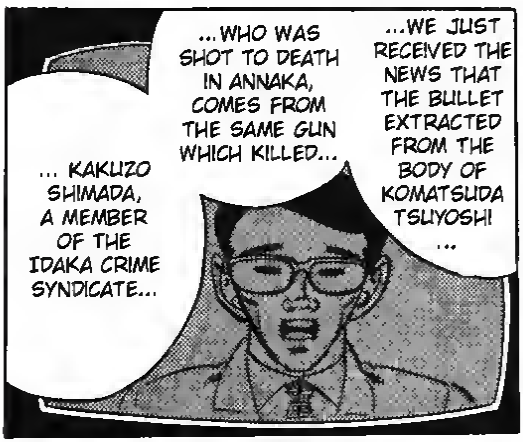
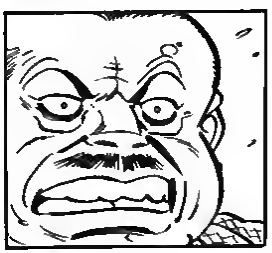




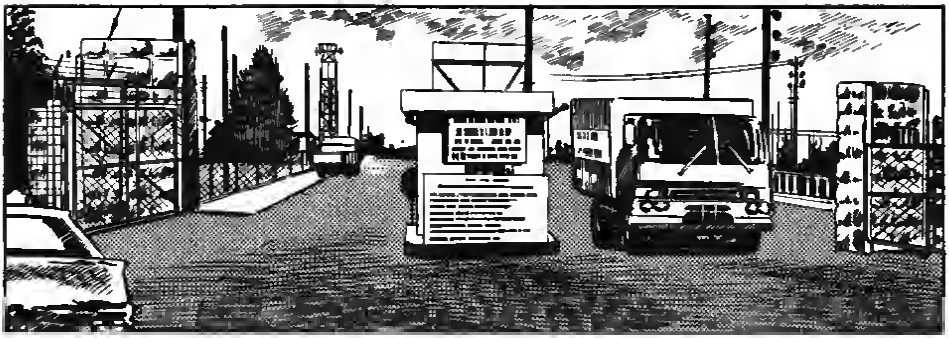

...WHO WAS SHOT TO DEATH IN ANNAKA, COMES FROM THE SAME GUN WHICH KILLED...
...WE JUST RECEIVED THE NEWS THAT THE BULLET EXTRACTED FROM THE BODY OF KOMATSUDA TSUYOSHI ...
... KAKUZO SHIMADA, A MEMBER OF THE IDAKA CRIME SYNDICATE...

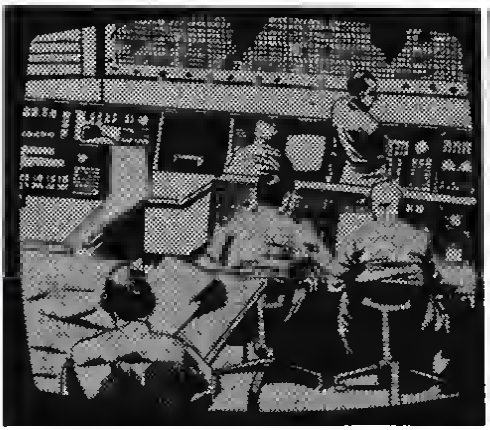


UHM...
...SOME SECRET REGARDING PROFESSOR KOBAYAGAWA'S RESEARCH!
SEE, CHAIRMAN, I KNEW IT! SHIMADA HAD DISCOVERED SOME IMPORTANT SECRET!

SURE, I'LL SEND SOMEONE TO GET HIS BODY FROM THE POLICE.
...I WANT A VERY SOLEMN FUNERAL FOR HIM.
I'M VERY SORRY ABOUT POOR SHIMADA...
...WHATEVER IT IS THAT CONNECTS ALL OF THEM, MUST BE SOMETHING LINKED TO THE GIANT.
PROFESSOR KOBAYAGAWA... SHIMADA... THE GIANT... THE DEAD FOREIGNERS...
IDIOT! YOU NEED TO ASK? THERE'S ONLY ONE ORGANIZATION WHICH CAN MOUNT THIS KIND OF OPERATION ON JAPANESE SOIL!
...WHO DO YOU THINK WERE THE FOREIGNERS WHO BUMPED OFF SHIMADA?
CHANG-ING TOPIC ...
... THROUGH HIM WE COULD RULE THE WORLD BY PROXY. EH, EH, EH..
THIS IS THE OPPORTUNITY WE WERE WAITING FOR... IF OUR HEAVENLY DAWN SOCIETY WERE TO EMBRACE THE GIANT...
OH?! I SEE...
...AND IF THEIR INVOLVEMENT WERE TO BE DISCLOSED, IT WOULD CAUSE A HUGE STIR.
THE JAPANESE POLICE ARE NOT IDIOTS, THEY MUST SUSPECT SOMETHING...
THEY EXPOSED THEM-SELVES TOO MUCH...
DO NOT WORRY.
AND WE ALL KNOW HOW POWERFUL AND INFLUENTIAL THEIR ORGANIZATION IS...
BUT CHAIRMAN, THAT COULD CAUSE US TO CLASH WITH... THOSE FOREIGNERS ...

...WE'LL BE READY TO STEP IN THEIR PLACE!
AND WHEN THEY DO...
...THEY WOULDN'T DARE RESORT TO NUCLEAR POWER TO ATTACK THE GIANT.
WITH PUBLIC RESENTMENT OVER THE OKINAWA ISSUE BREWING...
THEY'D BE TOO WORRIED ABOUT THE PUBLIC REACTION IN JAPAN AND IN THE REST OF THE WORLD.
THINGS ARE GETTING TOO HOT FOR THEM, THEY'LL SOON PULL BACK AND COVER THEIR TRACKS.
BUT FIRST, AS A PRELIMINARY TEST, WE WILL MAKE AN OPENING TO THAT GIANT.
YES SIR!
YOU HEARD ME? IMMEDIATELY!
CONVENE THE COORDINATOR OF OUR FEMALE DEVOTEES IMMEDIATELY!





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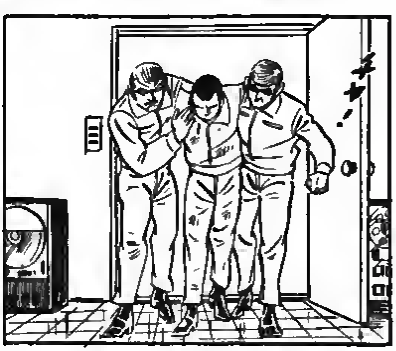
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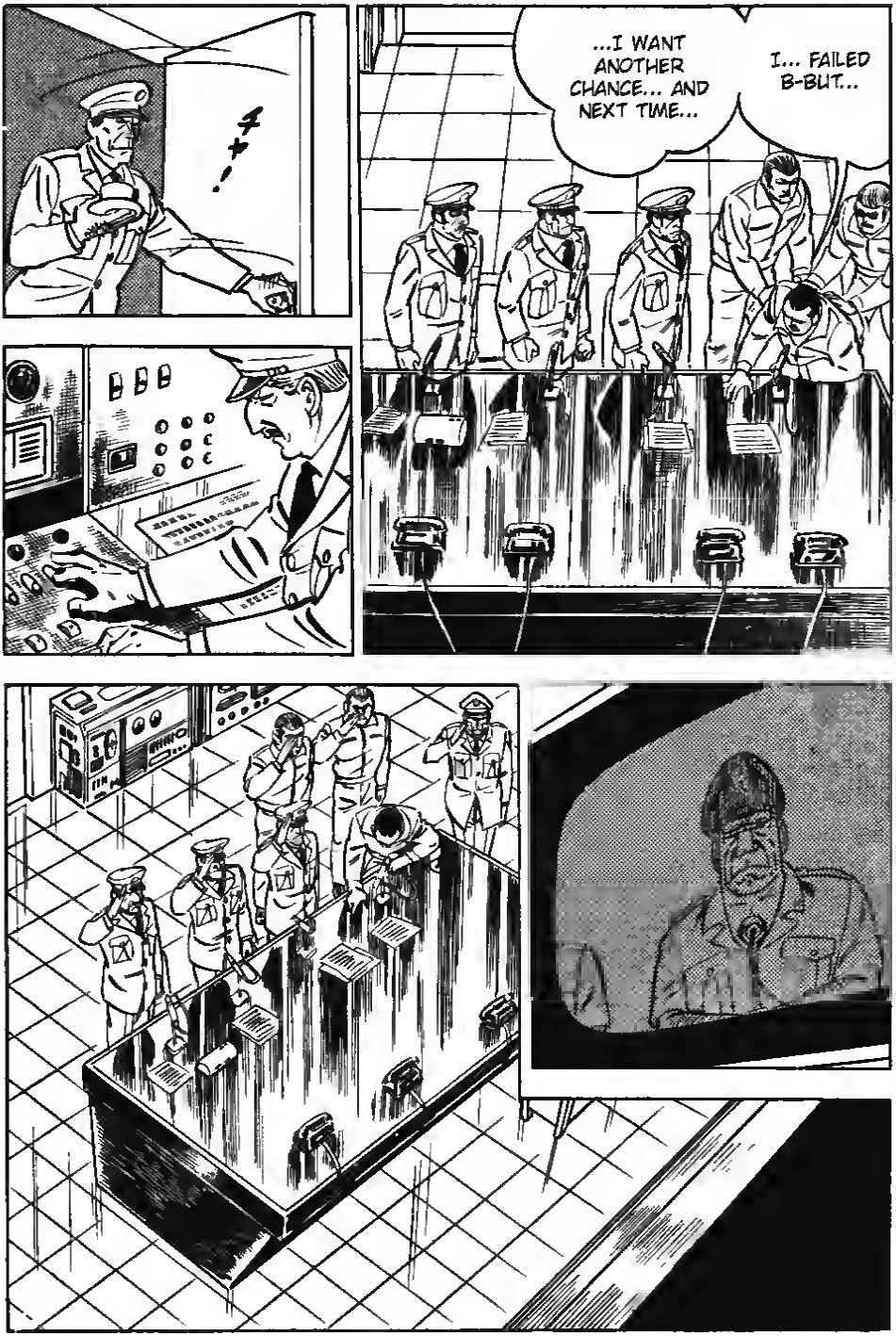
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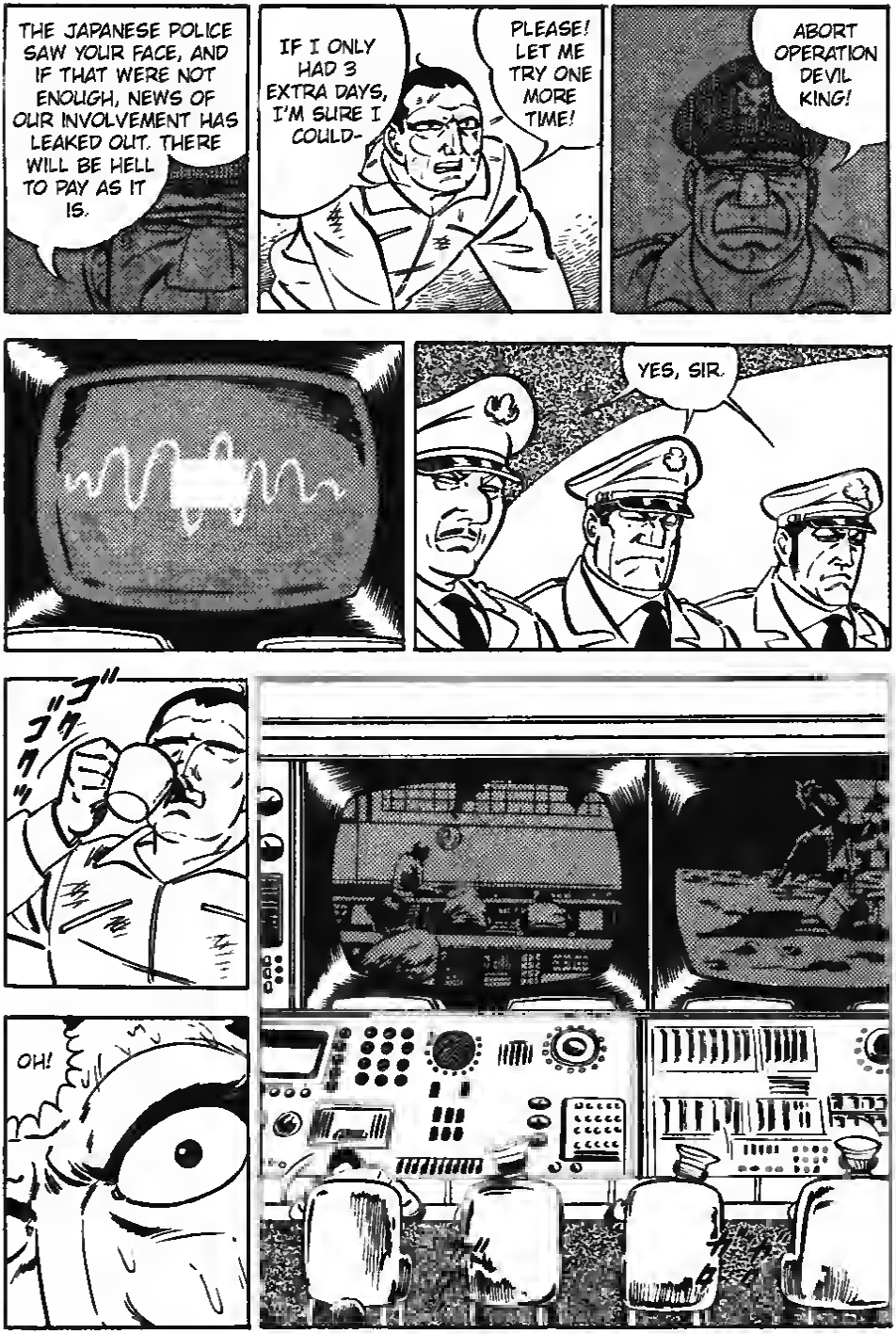
...I WANT ANOTHER CHANCE... AND NEXT TIME...
I... FAILED B-BUT...


THE JAPANESE POLICE SAW YOUR FACE, AND IF THAT WERE NOT ENOUGH, NEWS OF OUR INVOLVEMENT HAS LEAKED OUT. THERE WILL BE HELL TO PAY AS IT IS.
IF I ONLY HAD 3 EXTRA DAYS, I'M SURE I COULD-
PLEASE! LET ME TRY ONE MORE TIME!
ABORT OPERATION DEVIL KING!
YES, SIR.
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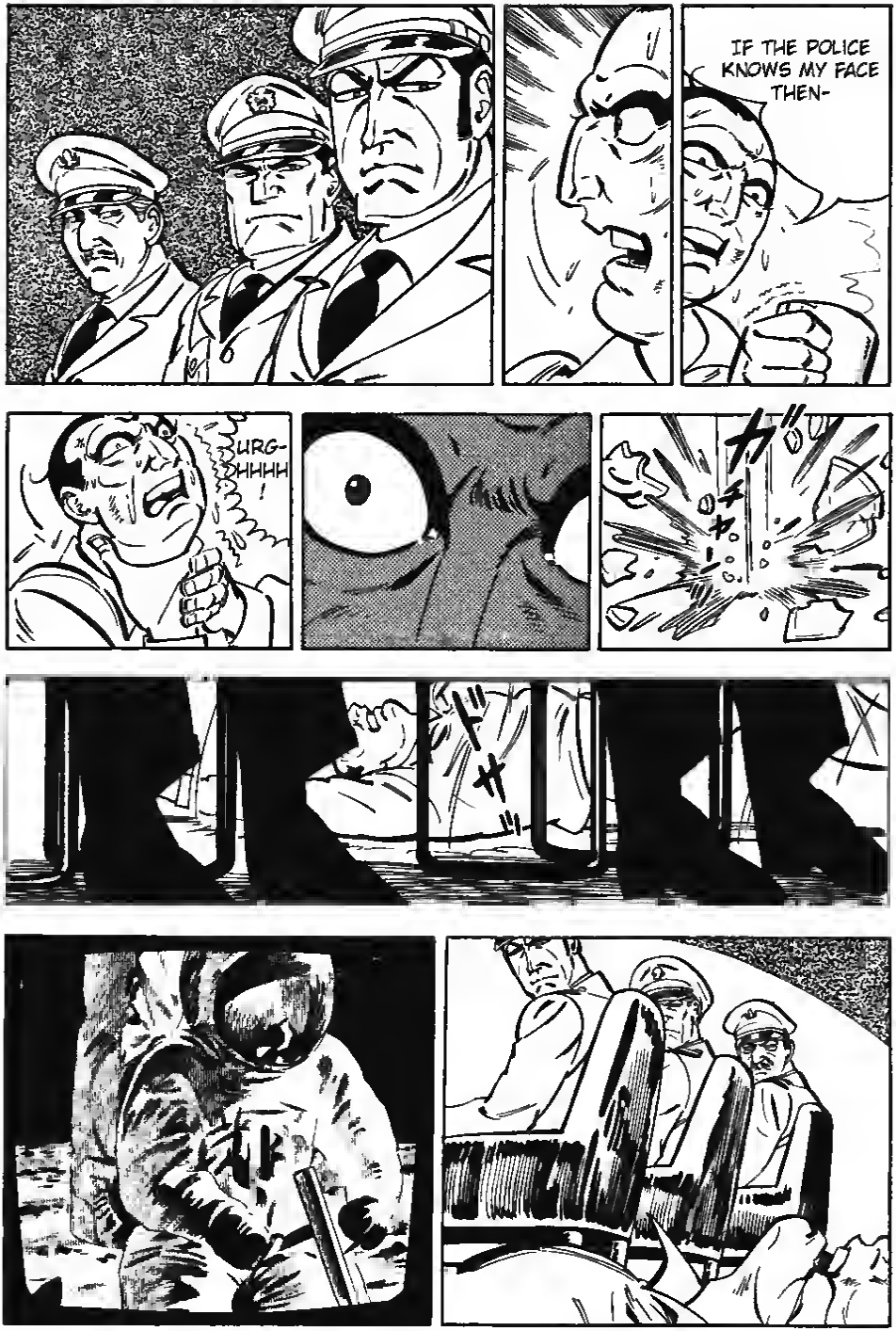
IF THE POLICE KNOWS MY FACE THEN-
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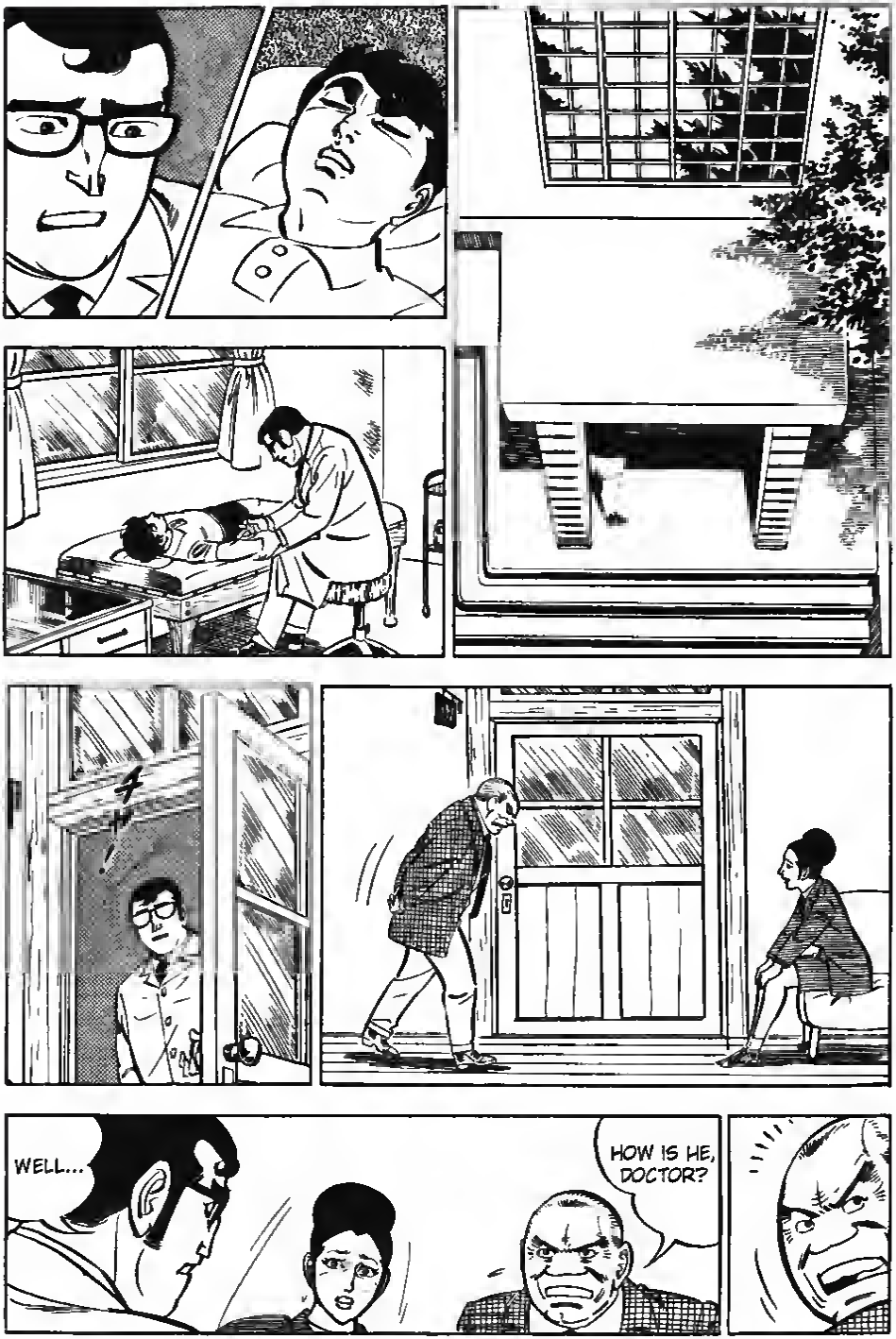
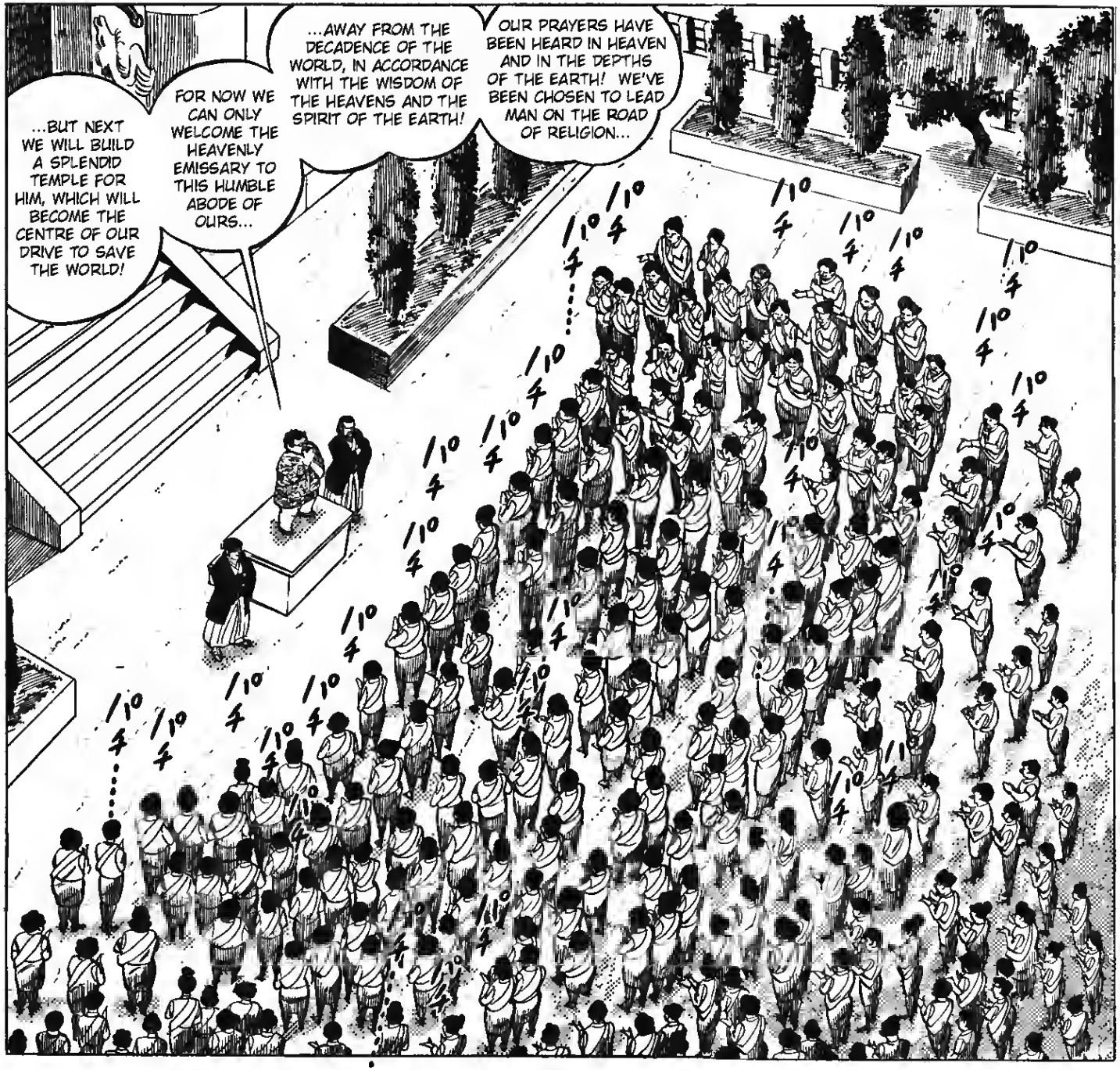
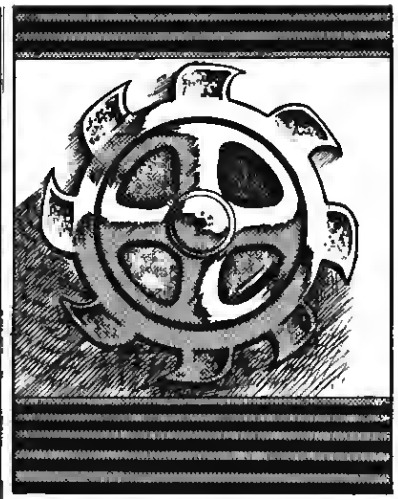

WELL...
HOW IS HE, DOCTOR?

VERY GOOD, I'LL SEE TO THAT IMMEDI-ATELY.
...IT DOESN'T LOOK GOOD. ONE MORE SHOCK MAY JUST PUSH HIS NERVOUS SYSTEM OVER THE EDGE...
I'M SENDING HIM TO TOKYO UNIVERSITY'S HOSPITAL. HE NEEDS...
...INTENSIVE MEDICAL CARE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
HOW ABOUT CALLING AN HELICOP-TER?
UHM... TRANSPORTING HIM TO TOKYO WON'T BE EASY... THE ROADS ARE BLOCKED AND RAIL TRANSPORT IS RESTRICT-ED.


OUR PRAYERS HAVE BEEN HEARD IN HEAVEN AND IN THE DEPTHS OF THE EARTH! WE'VE BEEN CHOSEN TO LEAD MAN ON THE ROAD OF RELIGION...
...AWAY FROM THE DECADENCE OF THE WORLD, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WISDOM OF THE HEAVENS AND THE SPIRIT OF THE EARTH!
FOR NOW WE CAN ONLY WELCOME THE HEAVENLY EMISSARY TO THIS HUMBLE ABODE OF OURS...
...BUT NEXT WE WILL BUILD A SPLENDID TEMPLE FOR HIM, WHICH WILL BECOME THE CENTRE OF OUR DRIVE TO SAVE THE WORLD!



O SISTERS, CAN'T YOU SEE THAT THE REASON...
...GOD HAS DESCENDED TO EARTH IS TO REBUILD...
...OUR CORRUPT AND DEBASED SOCIETY?

CAN'T YOU SEE THAT GOD'S WILL AND OUR SOCIETY'S ...
... PRINCIPLES ARE ONE AND THE SAME THING?

O SISTERS, WON'T YOU COME WITH ME...
...TO WELCOME THE HEAVENLY EMISSARY?
LET'S GO! LET'S GO!
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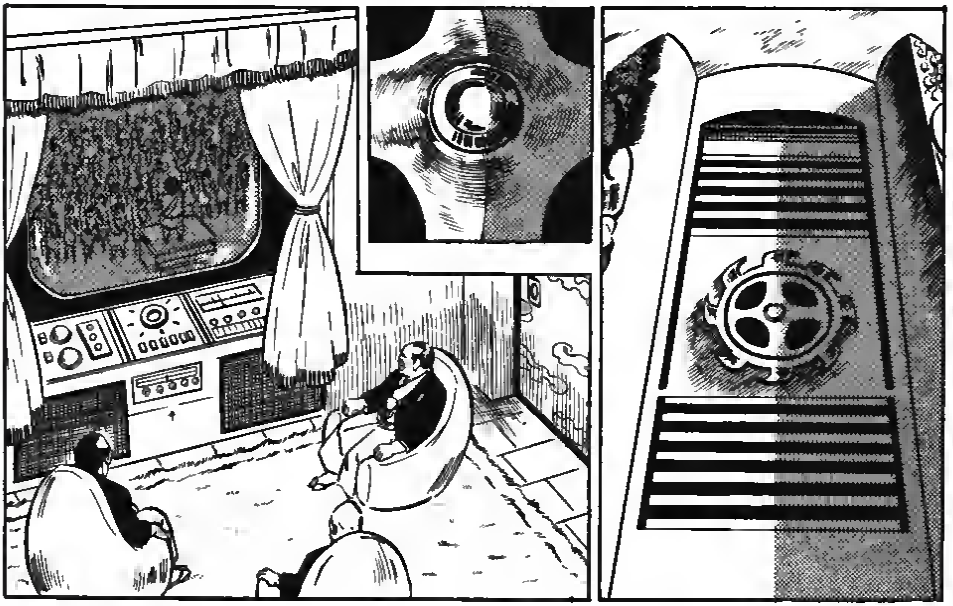

THAT'S THE SPIRIT! THE GIANT WILL HAVE TO SURRENDER TO THE WARM EMBRACE OF OUR FEMALE DEVOTEES... SURROUNDED BY ALL THOSE SHEEP, HE WON'T HAVE THE HEART TO KICK THEM ASIDE. AH, AH, AH!
LET'S GO! IN THE NAME OF THE WISDOM OF THE HEAVENS AND THE SPIRIT OF THE EARTH!
ONLY FOOLS RESPOND TO FORCE WITH FORCE, THE WISE KNOW WHEN TO YIELD TO IT...
...THIS IS THE SPIRIT OF BUSHIDO!
AND ONLY THE BOND OF RELIGION CAN KEEP TWO OBJECTS TOGETHER.
...OR TO SQUASH THEM AND CONTINUE HIS MARCH.
...WILL MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE GIANT TO IGNORE THEIR REQUEST...
THEY ARE INDEED SHEEP, BUT THEIR RELIGIOUS FERVOUR AND THEIR OBSTINACY...
...TO FIND OUT WHOEVER IS GUIDING THE GIANT.
...WITH AN ELECTRO-MAGNETIC EMISSION DETECTOR...
...I WANT YOU TO MONITOR THE SURROUNDING AREA...
WELL THEN, WHILE OUR FEMALE DEVOTEES TALK TO HIM...
HOW TRUE!

HE MUST HAVE A HANDLER! THERE HAS TO BE SOMEONE WHO IS GIVING HIM INSTRUCTIONS.
I'M JUST TOO OLD TO BELIEVE IN GODS!
AS YOU WISH!!
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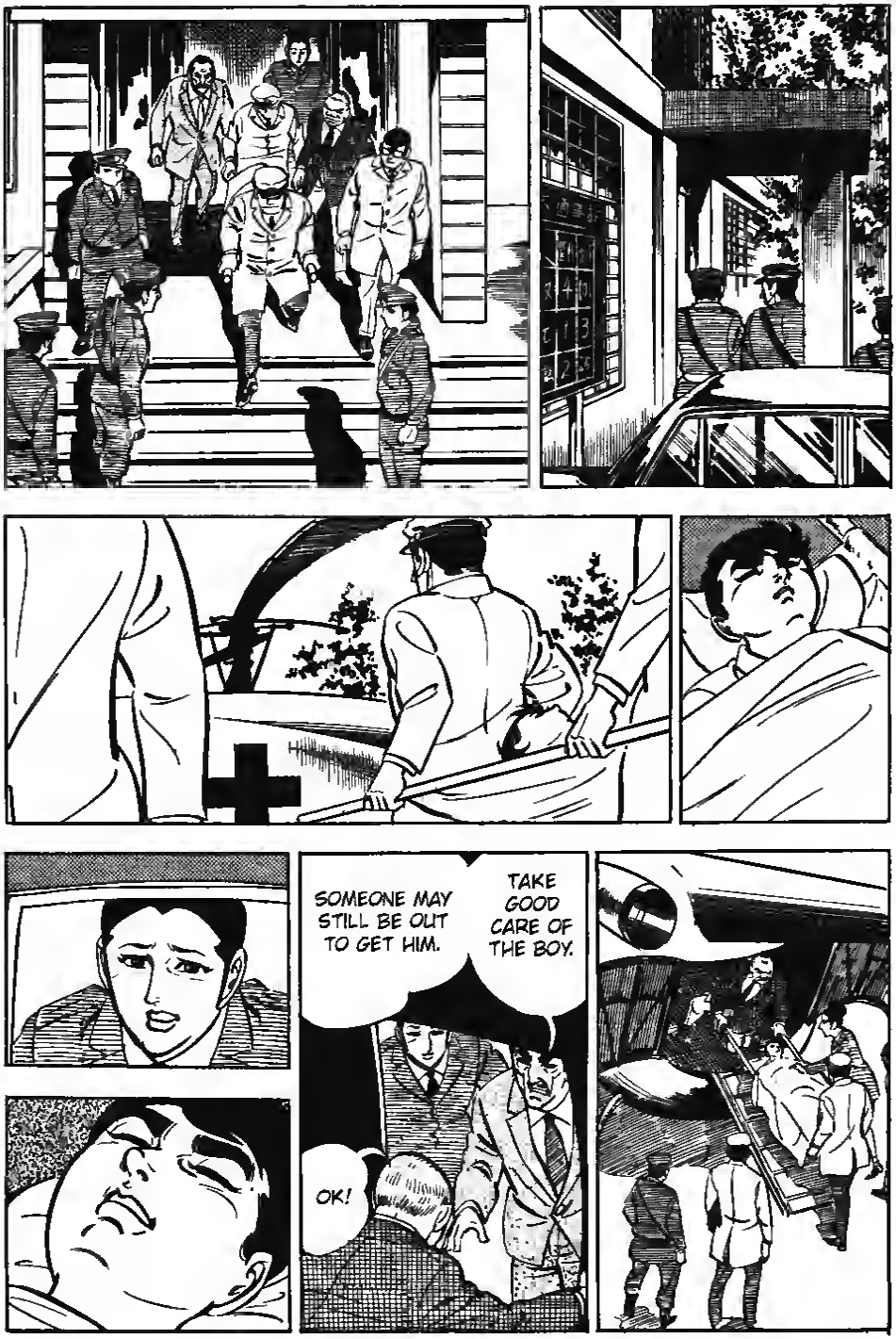
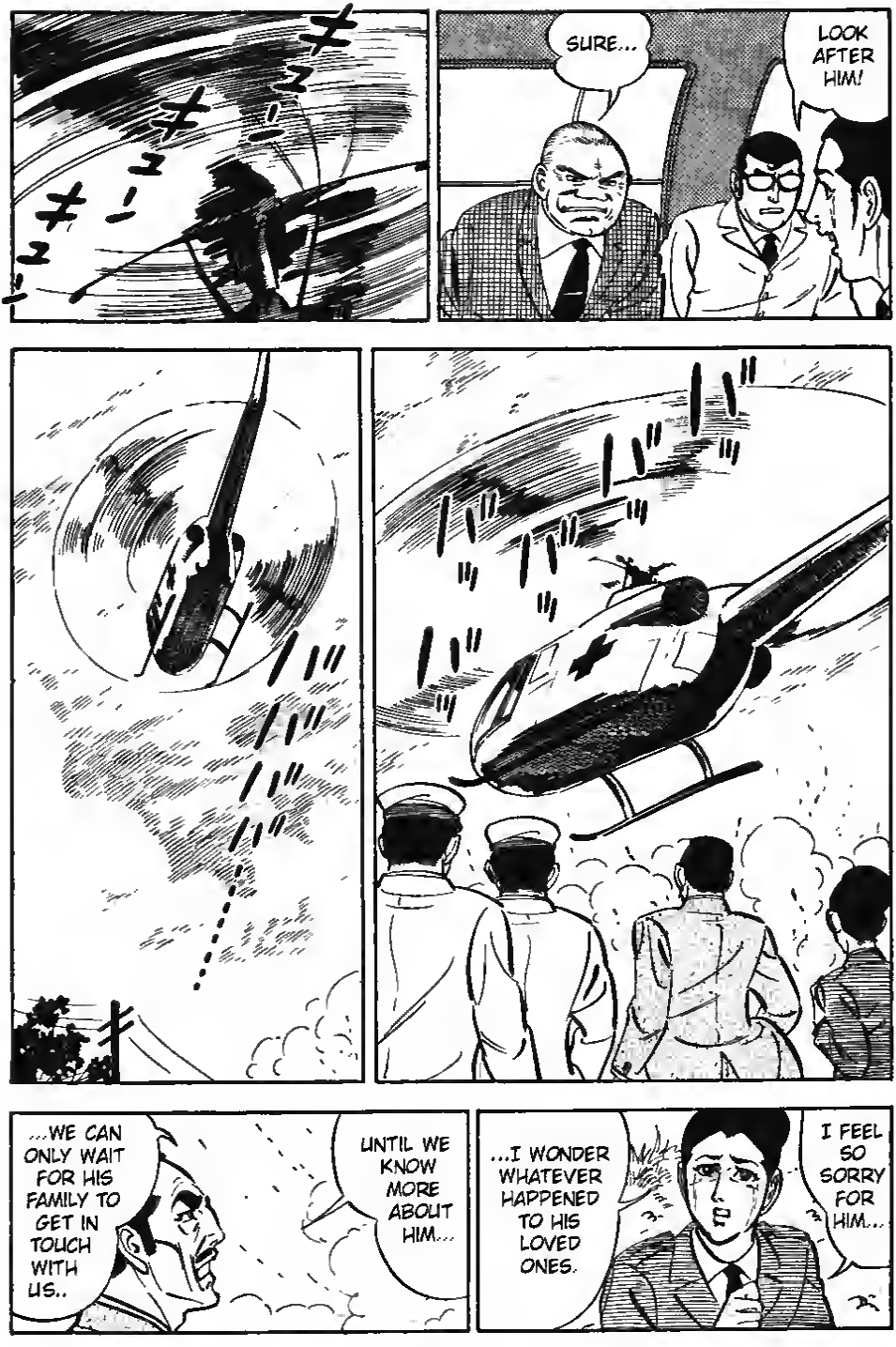

SOMEONE MAY STILL BE OUT TO GET HIM.
TAKE GOOD CARE OF THE BOY.
OK!


SURE...
LOOK AFTER HIM!
...WE CAN ONLY WAIT FOR HIS FAMILY TO GET IN TOUCH WITH US..
UNTIL WE KNOW MORE ABOUT HIM....
...I WONDER WHATEVER HAPPENED TO HIS LOVED ONES.
I FEEL SO SORRY FOR HIM...

...HAVE BEEN STRUCK BY THE SAME EVIL FATE.
WHEN I LOOK AT HIM... I CAN'T HELP BUT THINKING THAT MAYBE HIS LOVED ONES TOO...
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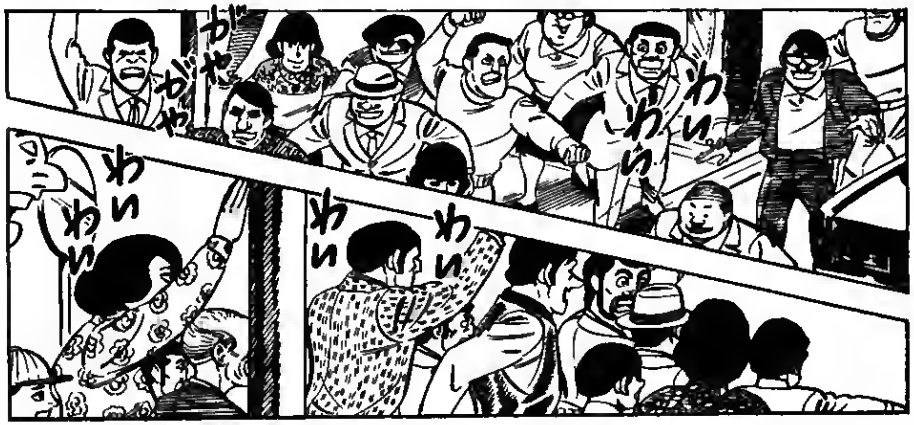

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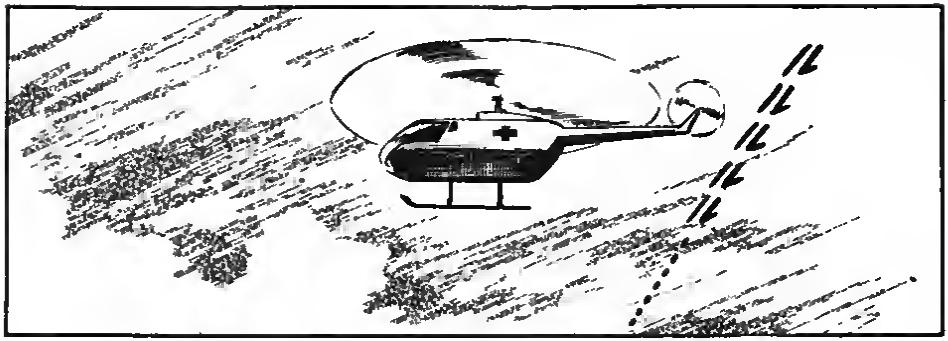

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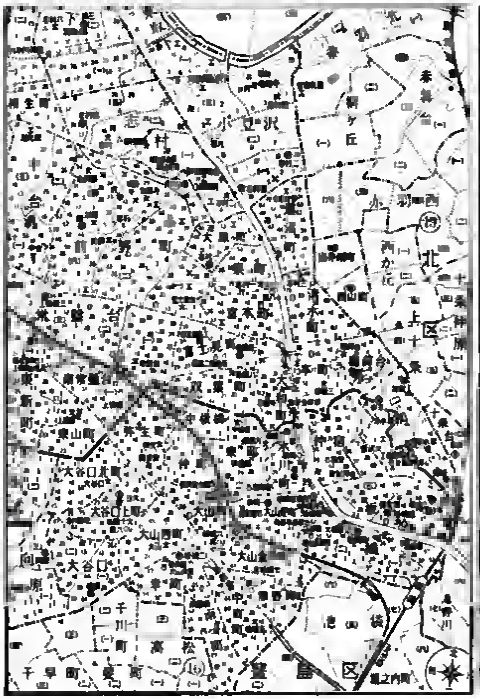

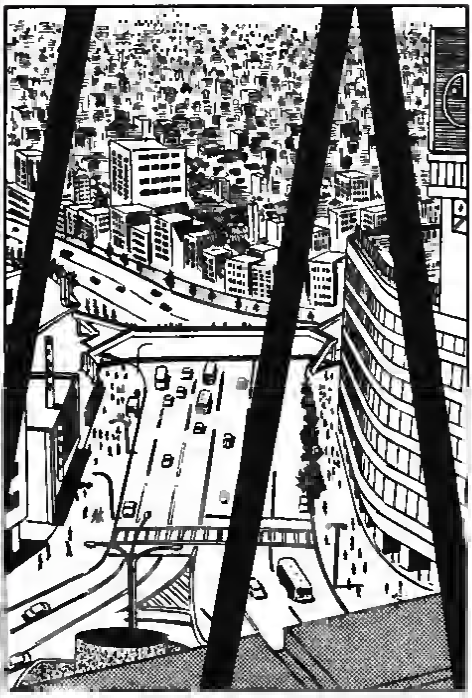

IF HE WERE TO PROCEED FROM SHIMURA-BASHI TO THE YAMATO INTERSEC-TION...

...OR FROM SHINOMIYA THROUGH THE NERIMA DISTRICT.

HE COULD ENTER THE CITY. EITHER FROM SHIMURABASHI THROUGH THE ITABASHI DISTRICT.

IF THE GIANT KEEPS MARCHING DOWN HIGHWAY 17, WE CAN EXPECT HIM TO BE IN TOKYO APPROXIMATELY ABOUT 5PM.

YES, SIR!
STOP ALL TRAFFIC ALONG THOSE TWO ROUTES.
AT THE MOMENT THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO. WE CAN ONLY WAIT AND SEE WHERE HE CHOOSES TO GO AND WHAT HE CHOOSES TO DO.
...THE SITUATION COULD BECOME VERY SERIOUS.
OF COURSE WE'VE CONDUCTED A VERY DETAILED EXAMINATION OF THE AREA AND...
YES, STUDENT ACTIVISTS ARE REPORTED COMING TO TOKYO FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY.
AS USUAL... WHEN IT RAINS, IT POURS!
...SECURITY MEASURES ARE IN PLACE IN THE CRITICAL DISTRICTS.
...WE'LL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO REQUEST THE INTERVENTION OF THE SELF-DEFENCE FORCES...
...OR IF THE GIANT HIMSELF SHOULD TRY TO DESTROY ANY BUILDING...
HOWEVER, IF THE CROWDS THAT ARE FOLLOWING HIM SHOULD GET OUT OUT CONTROL...
...AS WE HAVE TO SAVE OUR OWN FORCES FOR TOMORROW'S ANTI-WAR DEMONSTRATION.
AND HOPE THE STUDENTS DON'T TIME THEIR ATTACK TO COINCIDE WITH THE GIANT'S ARRIVAL...
WE CAN ONLY BRACE OURSELVES FOR THE WORSE.

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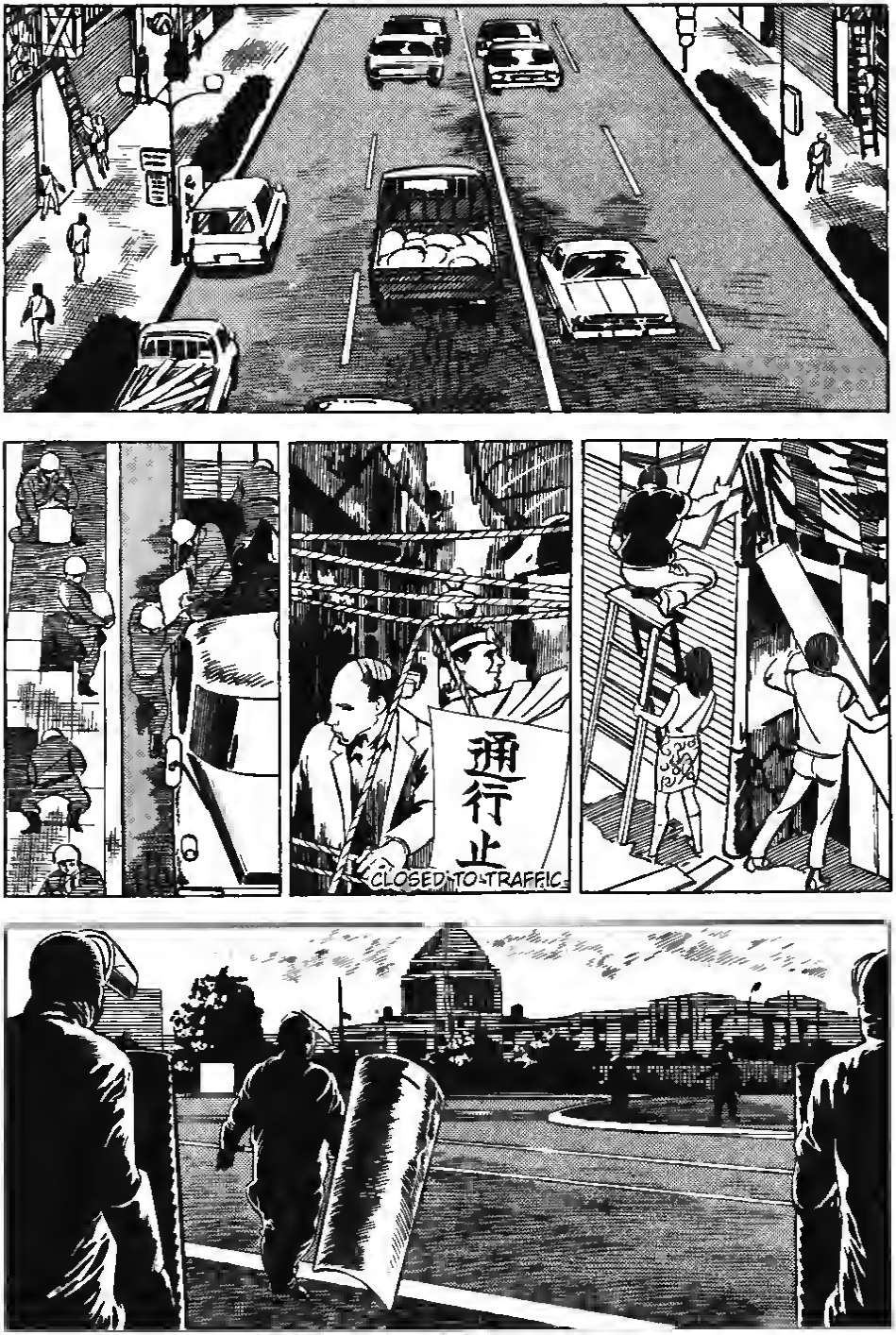
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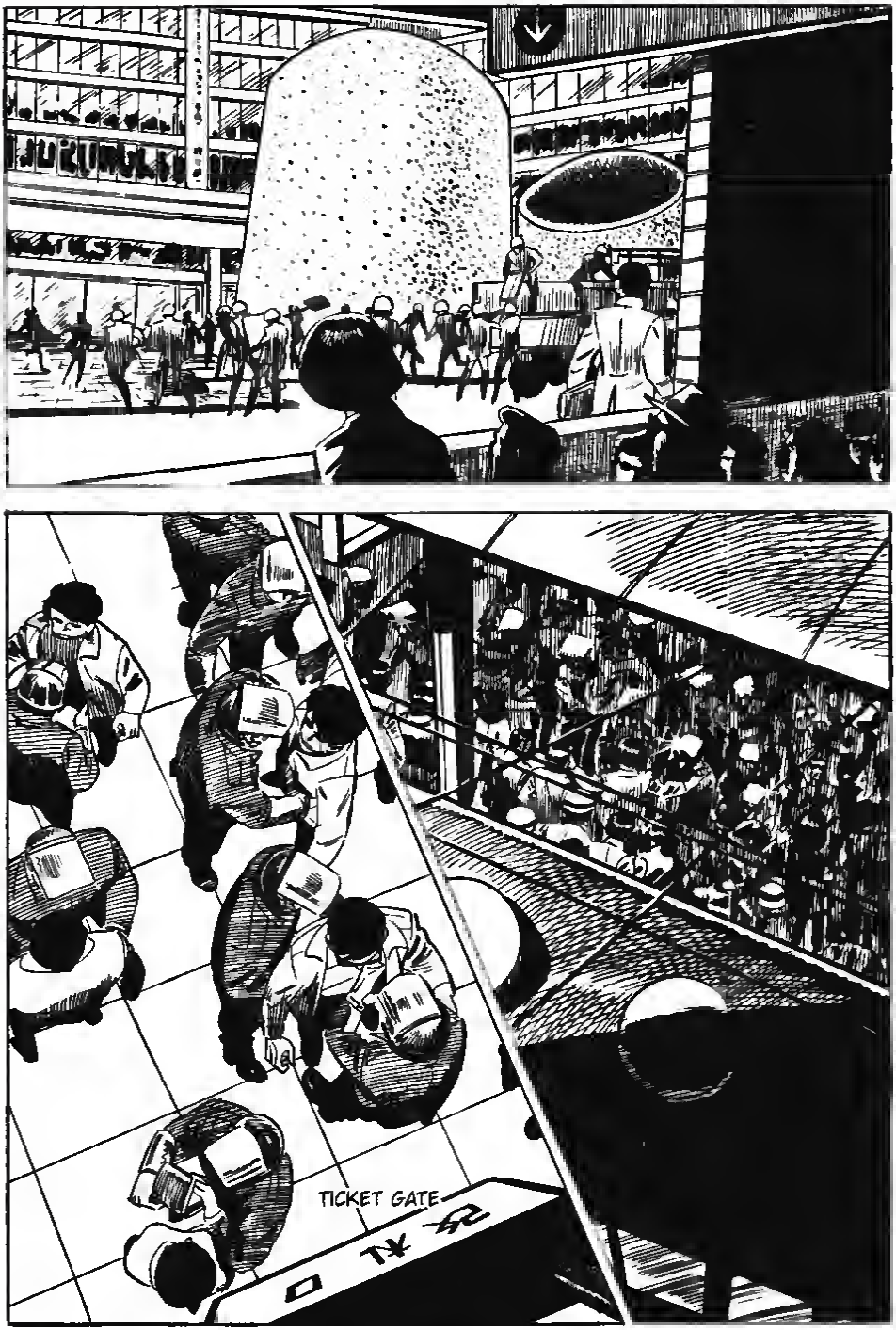
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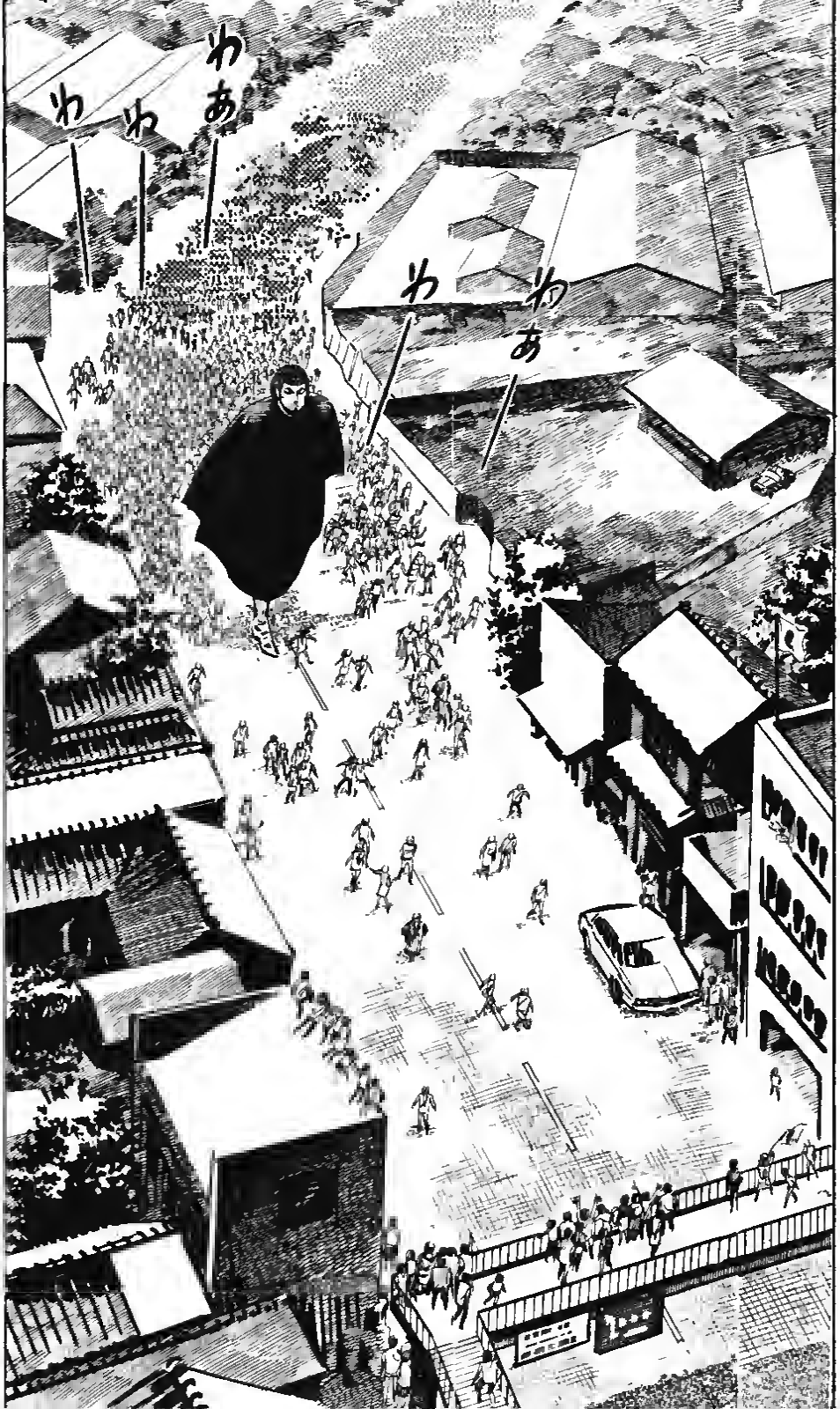
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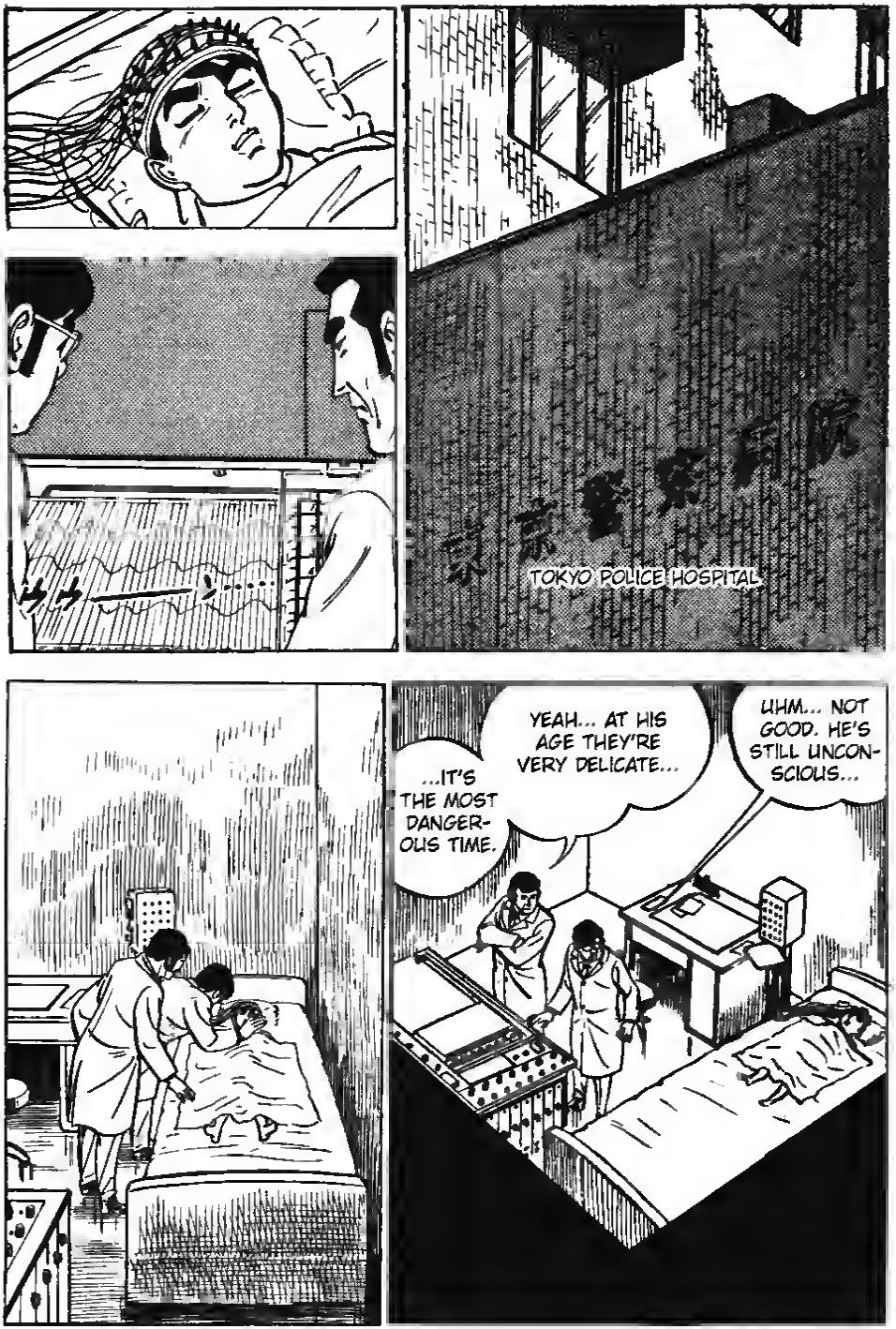
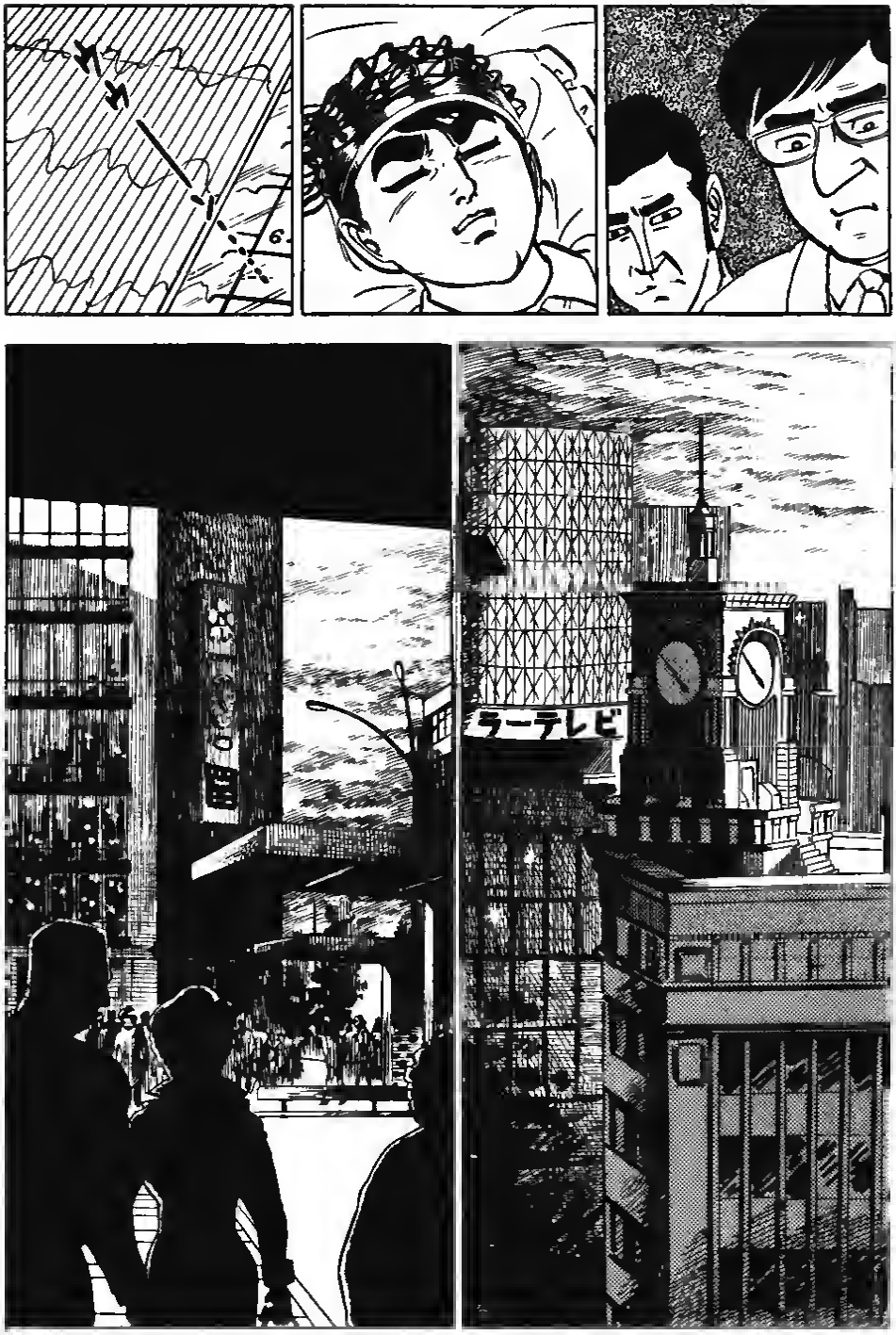

TOKYO POLICE HOSPITAL
UHM... NOT GOOD. HE'S STILL UNCONSCIOUS...
YEAH... AT HIS AGE THEY'RE VERY DELICATE...
...IT'S THE MOST DANGEROUS TIME.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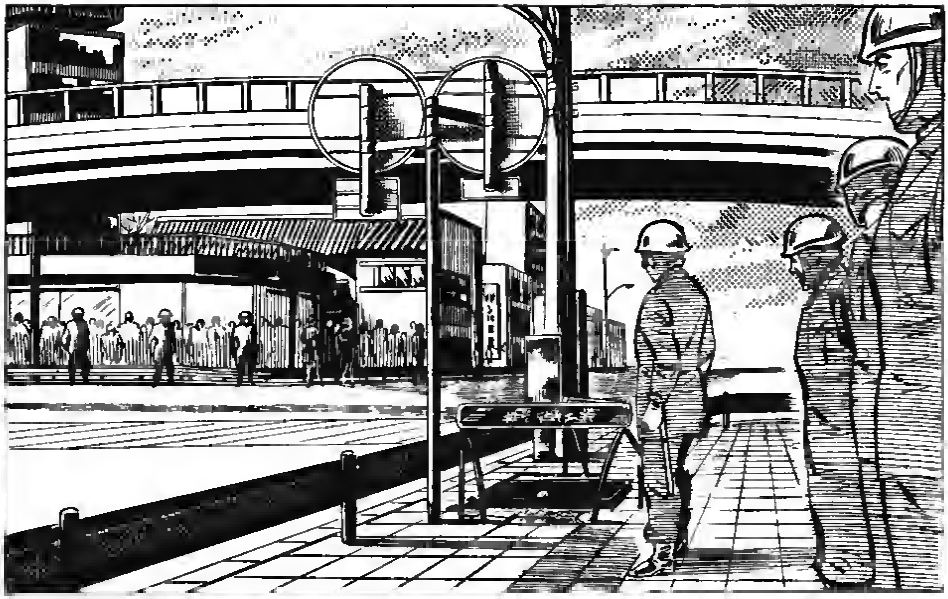
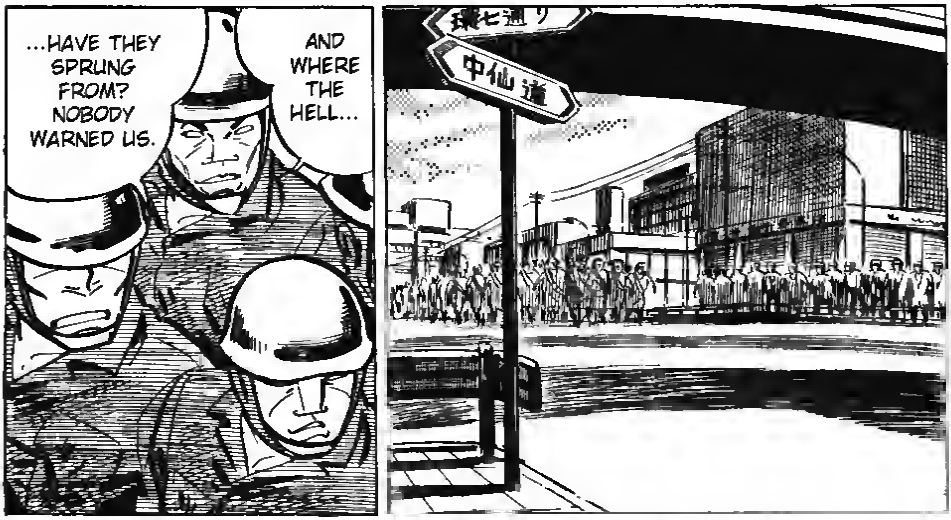


WHO ARE THEY?
HUH? YOU SEE THAT?


...HAVE THEY SPRUNG FROM? NOBODY WARNED US.
AND WHERE THE HELL...
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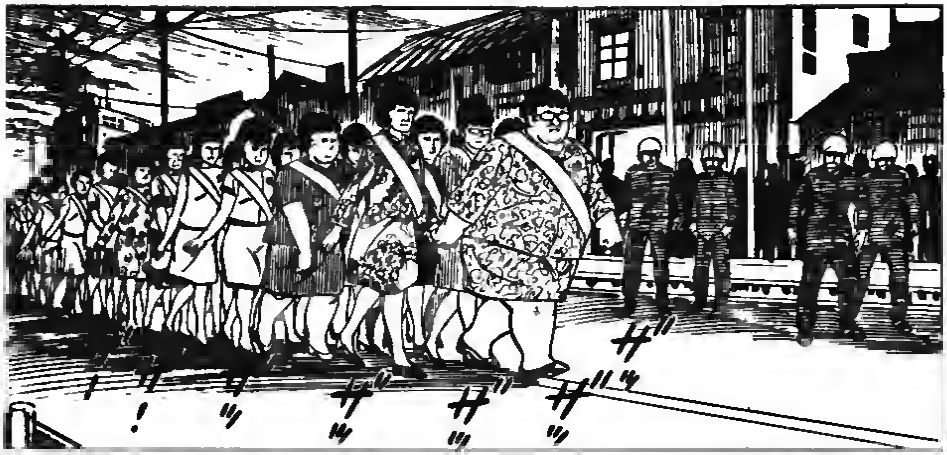

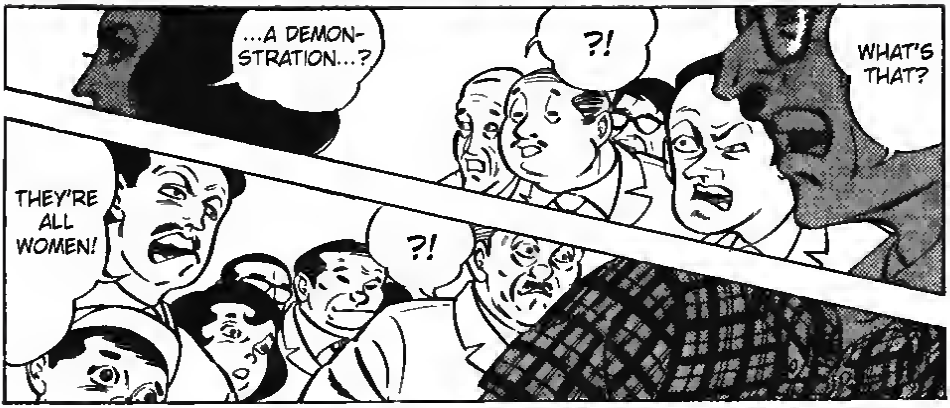
...A DEMON-STRATION...?
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WHAT'S THAT?
THEY'RE ALL WOMEN!
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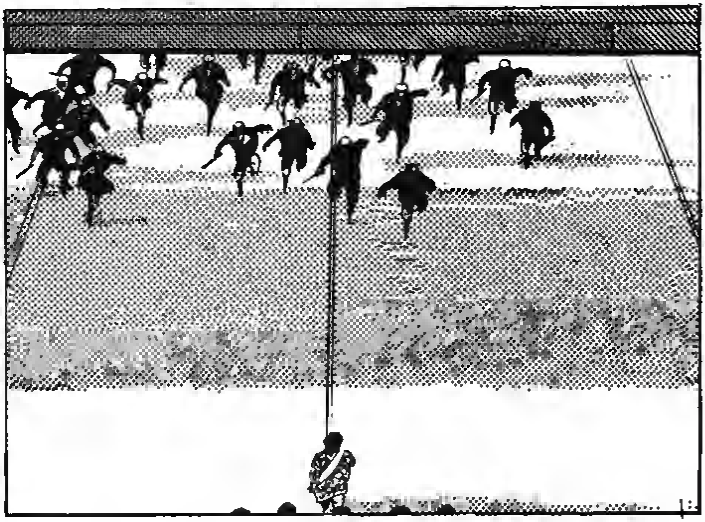
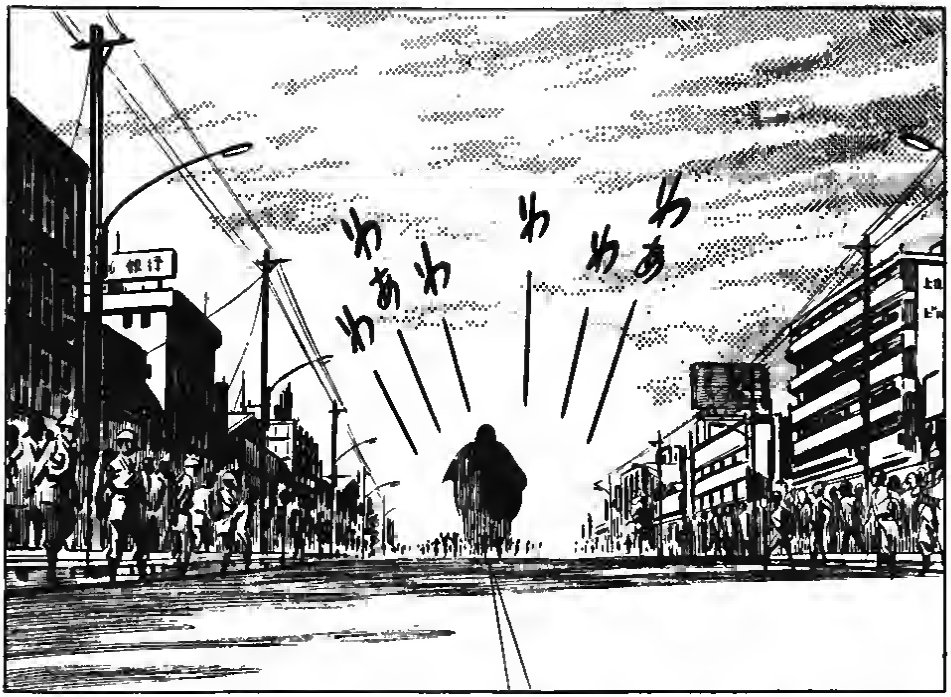
ALL UNAU-THORIZED DEMON-STRATIONS ARE PROHIB-ITED!
STOP RIGHT THERE!



PLEASE GO HOME!
GO BACK! GO BACK!
WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?
W-WHAT'S THIS?
DON'T YOU KNOW IT'S GOING TO BE DANGEROUS HERE?
GOD IS HERE!
THERE HE IS!

QUICK! TAKE YOUR POSITIONS!
...T-THE GIANT IS HERE!
ON YOUR KNEES! KNEEL DOWN AND PREPARE TO MEET YOUR LORD!
GOD IS ABOUT TO GRACE US WITH HIS PRESENCE!
BLAH, BLAH!
BLABBER, BLABBER!
WHAT ARE THEY TRYING TO DO?
THOSE WOMEN... ARE SITTING DOWN IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD!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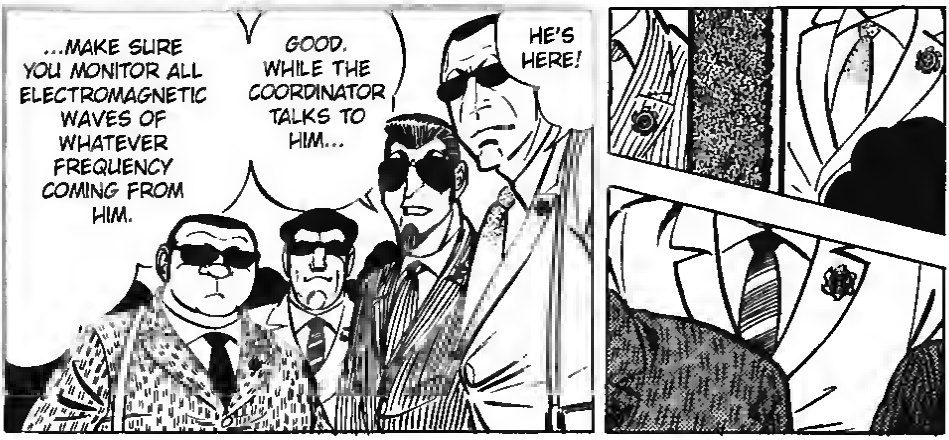
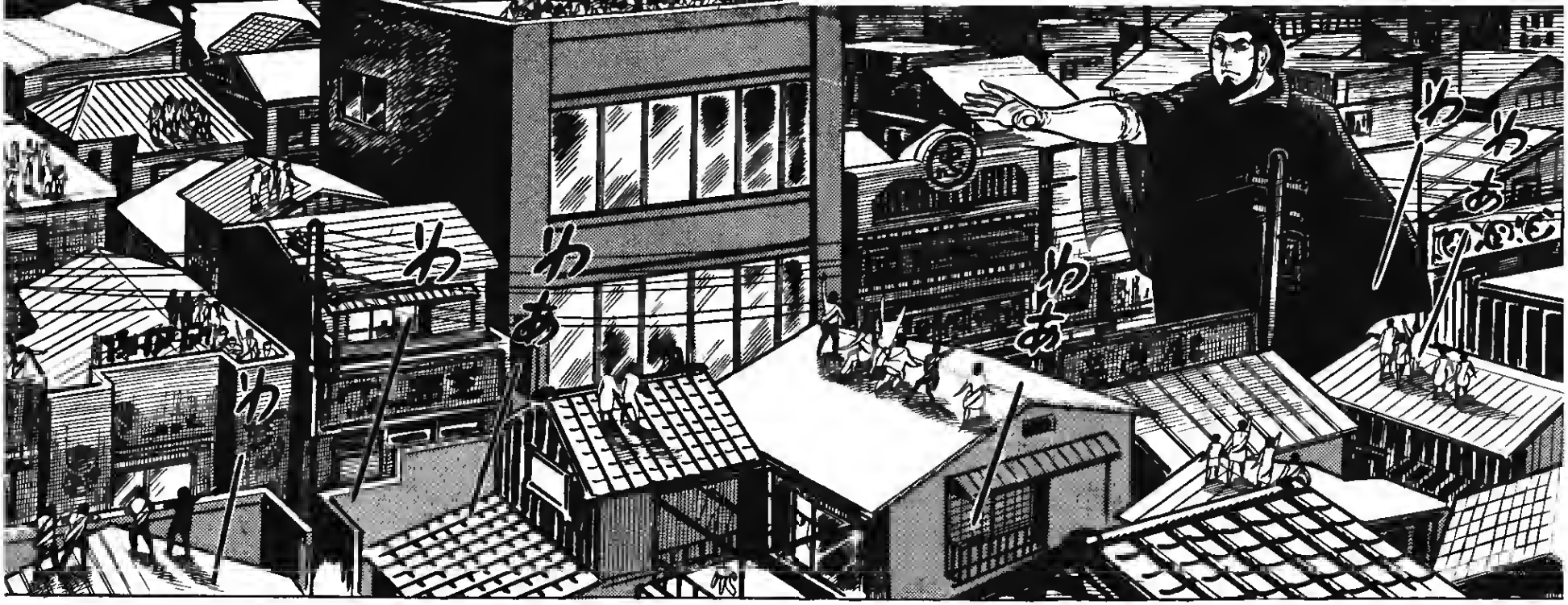

...MAKE SURE YOU MONITOR ALL ELECTROMAGNETIC WAVES OF WHATEVER FREQUENCY COMING FROM HIM.
GOOD. WHILE THE COORDINATOR TALKS TO HIM...
HE'S HERE!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HEAVENLY DAWN SOCIETY
HE'S NEAR! ON YOUR KNEES! ON YOUR KNEES!

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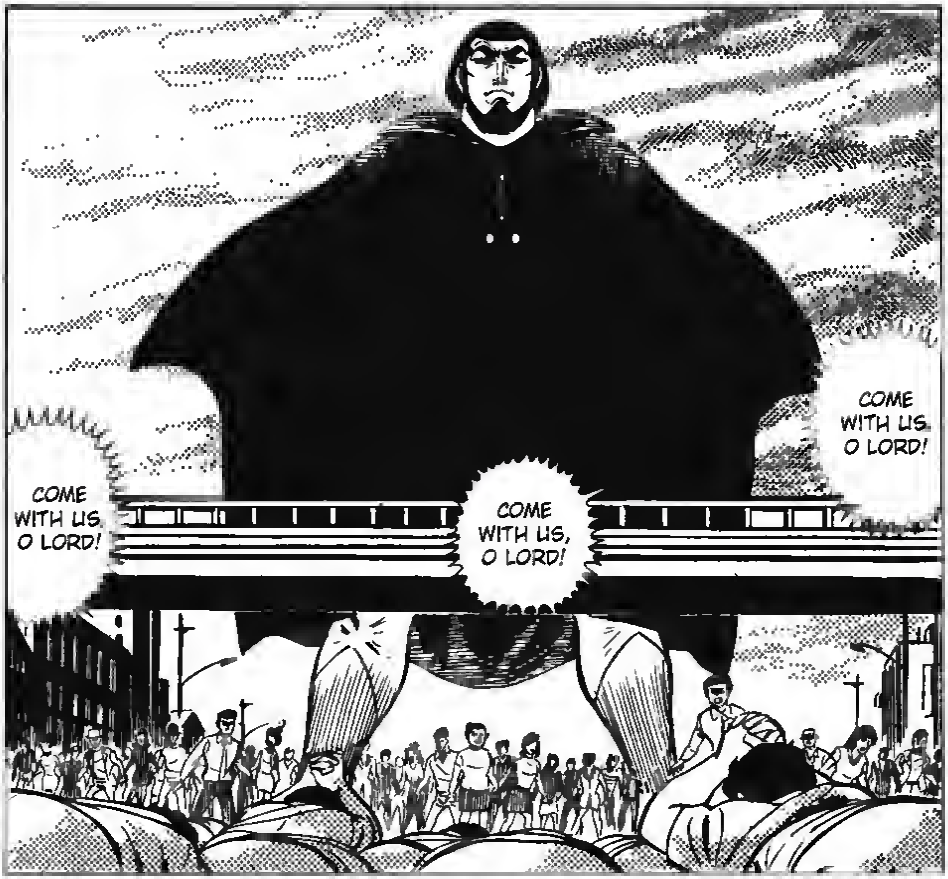
GOD!

...FOR THE WORLD, FOR THE SALVATION OF THOSE OF LITTLE FAITH!
NOW IT'S THE TIME TO ACT, SISTERS!

CLEAR THE ROAD!
CLEAR THE ROAD FOR MY PASSAGE!
O GOD! O LORD!
H-HOLY LORD! PLEASE HEAR OUR PLEAS!

WE KNOW YOU'VE DESCENDED UPON THE EARTH TO SAVE ALL THE SINNERS...
...OF THIS GODLESS WORLD!
WE BELONG TO THE HEAVENLY DAWN SOCIETY, WHOSE MISSION IS TO SERVE THE WISDOM OF THE HEAVENS AND THE SPIRIT OF THE EARTH!
...
WE BEG YOU TO HEAR OUR PLEAS, O LORD!
...
WE'VE COME TO WELCOME YOU ON BEHALF OF OUR SOCIETY!
WE ASK YOU TO FOLLOW US TO OUR TEMPLE!
SO, WON'T YOU PLEASE COME WITH US?
OUR ONLY DESIRE IS TO HELP YOU ACHIEVE YOUR GOAL, LORD!
WE WANT TO BECOME THE INSTRUMENTS OF THY WILL!
COME WITH US, O LORD!
ALL TOGETHER, SISTERS, LET US GREET THE LORD!
COME WITH US, O LORD!


COME WITH US, O LORD!
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I AM GOD! THOSE WHO STAND IN MY PATH, SHALL SUFFER MY WRATH!
FOR THE LAST TIME, I ORDER YOU TO STAND ASIDE AND LET ME THROUGH!

GOD!
MAY THY KINGDOM-
W-WE... A-ARE WOMEN OF FAITH, O LORD!
T-THE LORD WOULD NEVER CAUSE US HARM! LET US STAND FIRM!
L-LET US STAND FIRM IN OUR RESOLVE, SISTERS!

THOU HAVE NO WAY TO KNOW TRUE GOD!
THOU KNOW AS LITTLE ABOUT ME AS A PET GOLD FISH...
...KNOWS ABOUT HIS OWNER!
...NAMES LIKE... LORD OR... BUDDHA!
STOP CALLING ME NAMES WHICH ARE ONLY MEANT TO SERVE THY PURPOSES...
STOP SPOUTING WORDS THAT CONFUSE PEOPLE'S HEARTS, YE FOOLISH PEOPLE WHO STAND IN MY PATH!
B-BUT... B-BUT...
LEAD US TO THE TRUTH!
T-THEN... SHOW US THE WAY!
...I SHALL SMITE THEE WITH FURY!
IF THOU KEEP DISOBEYING MY WORDS...

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B-BE STRONG, SISTERS!
OUR FAITH IS BEING PUT TO THE TEST!
D-DO NOT RUN!
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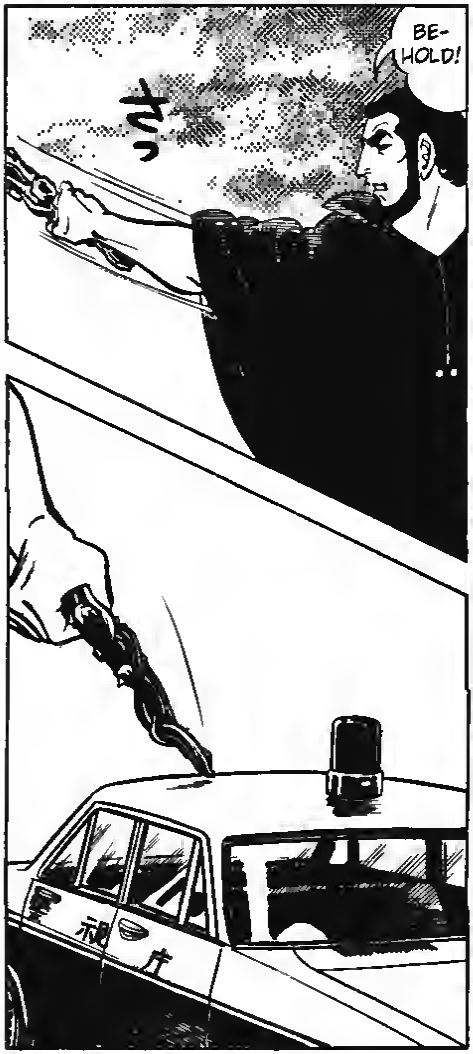
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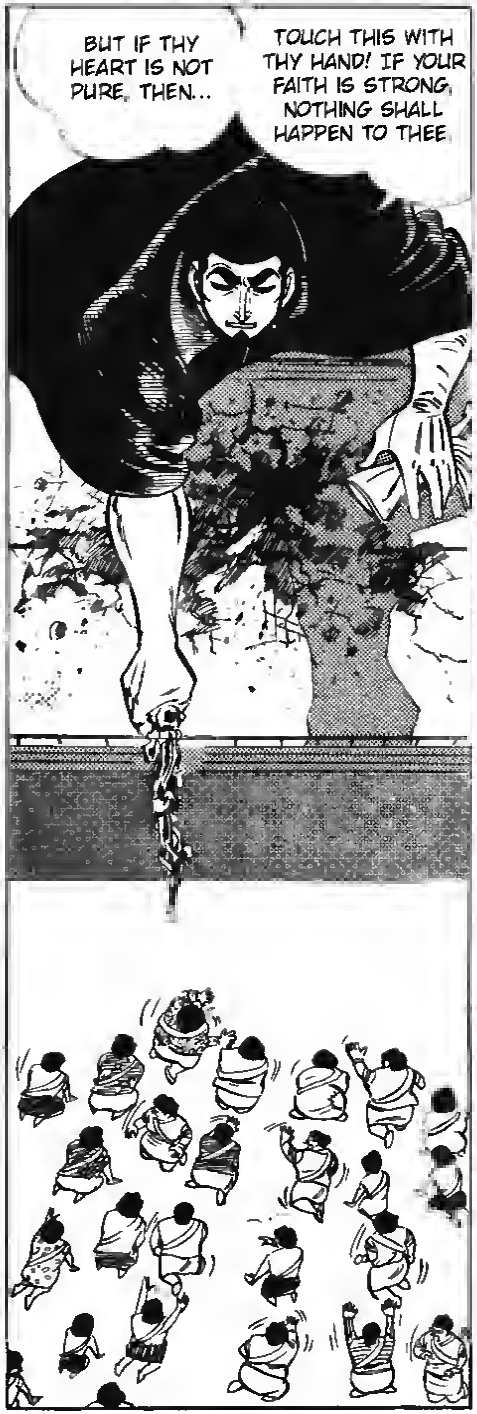
BUT IF THY HEART IS NOT PURE, THEN...
TOUCH THIS WITH THY HAND! IF YOUR FAITH IS STRONG, NOTHING SHALL HAPPEN TO THEE

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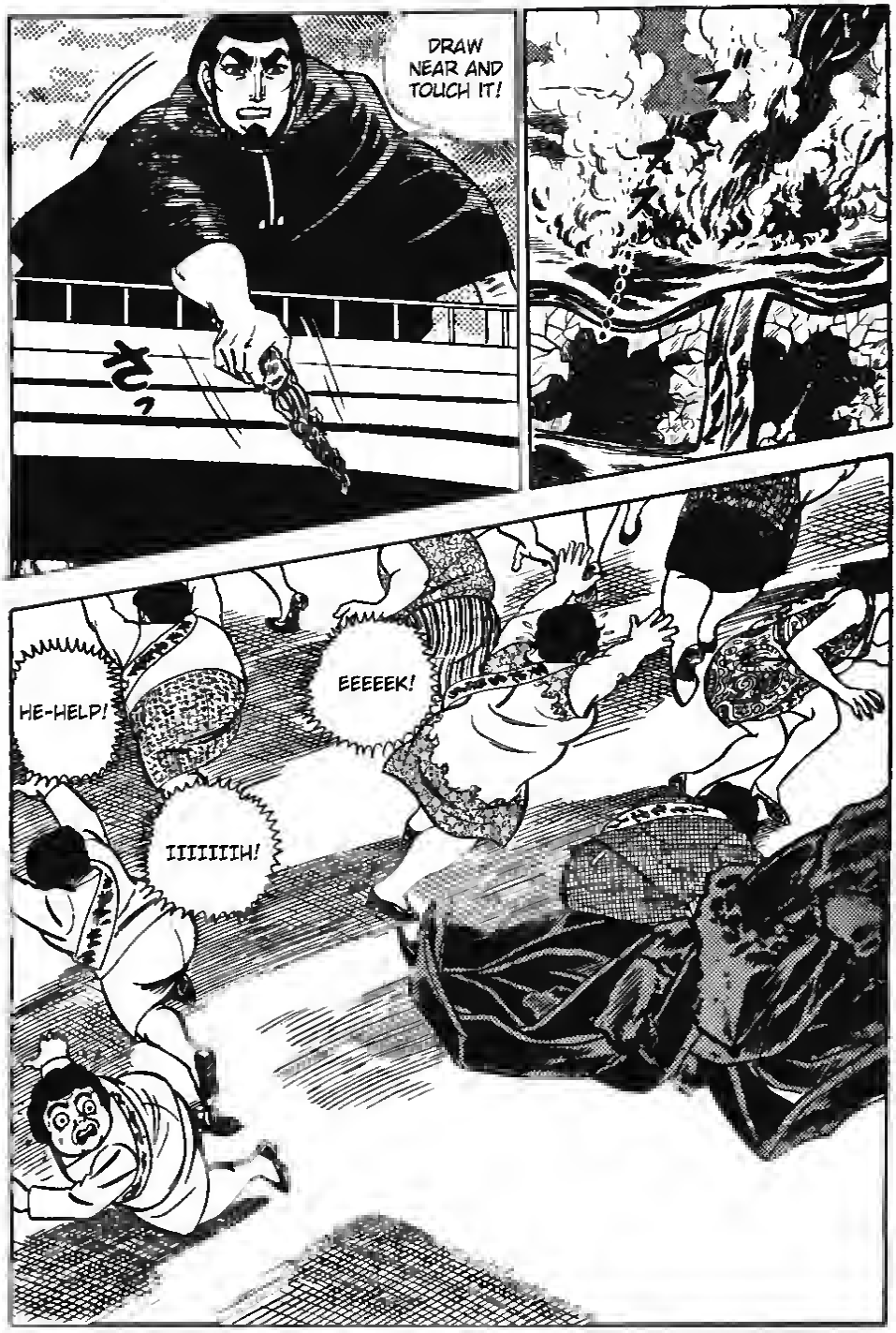
OOOOOH!
LOOK! THE PATROL CAR... HE...
AWW-WW!


DRAW NEAR AND TOUCH IT!
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HE-HELP!
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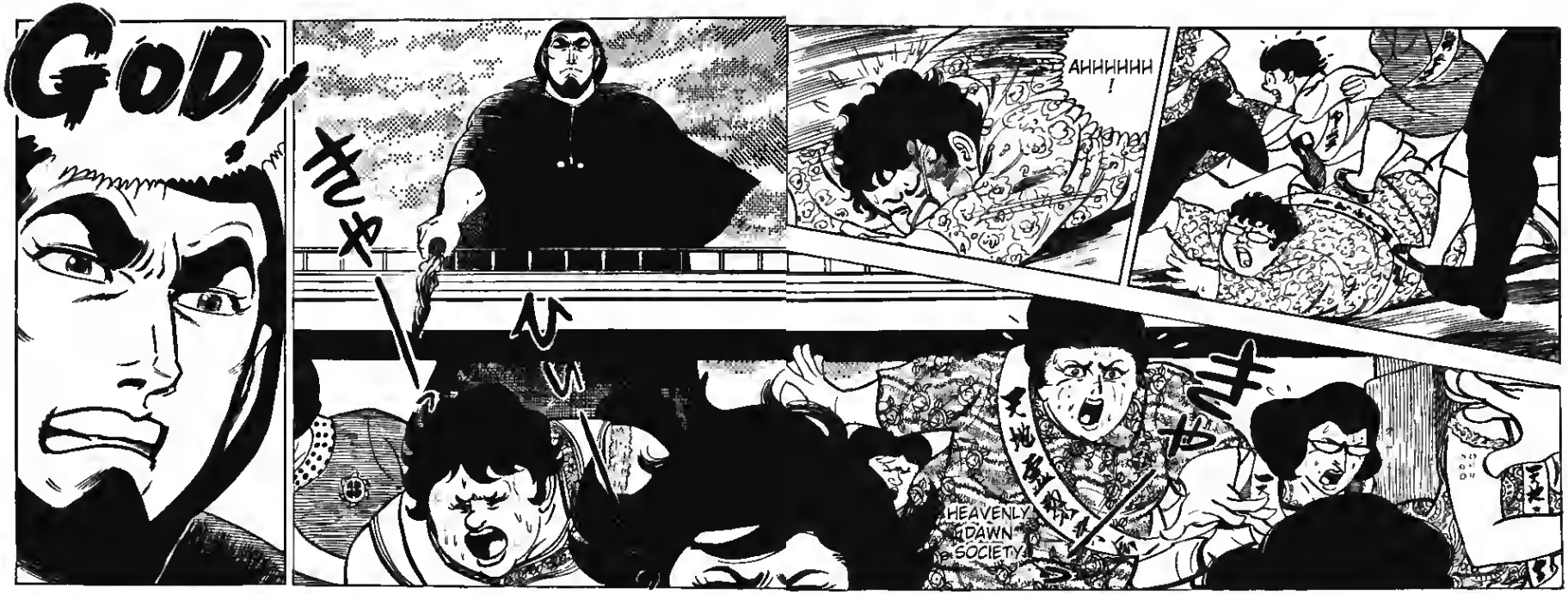
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HEAVENLY DAWN SOCIETY

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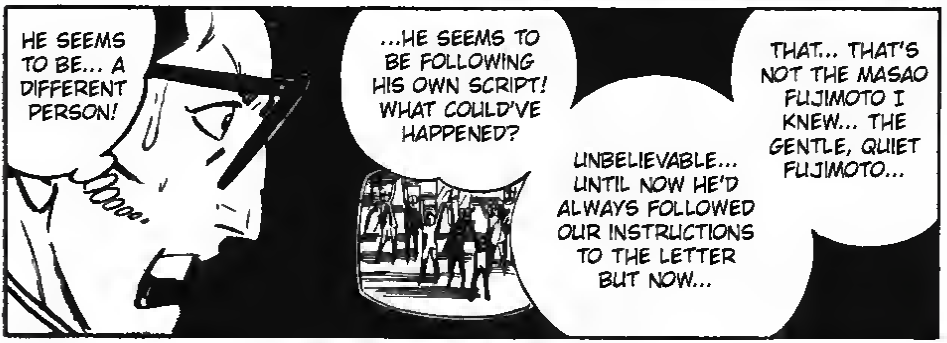
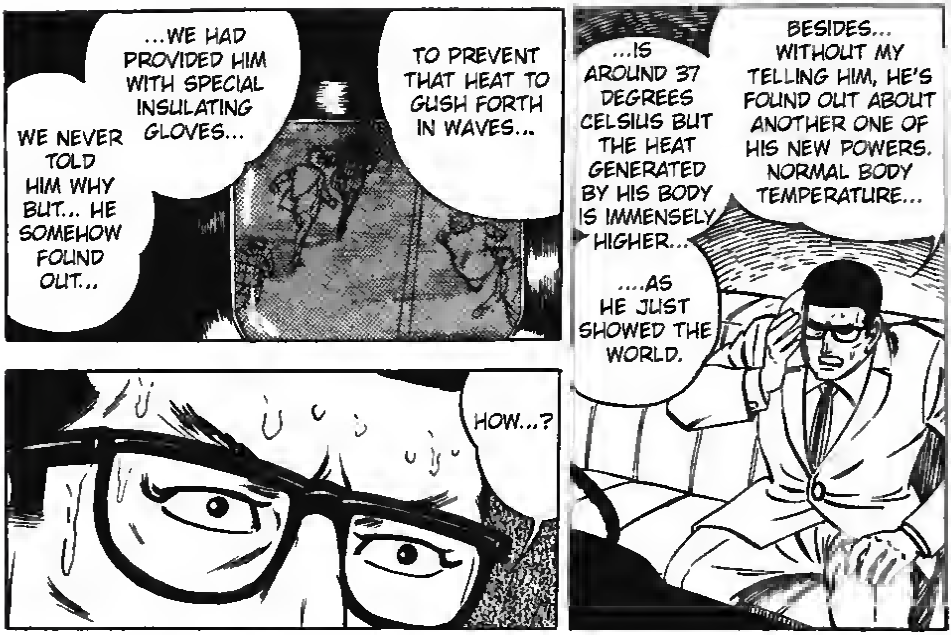
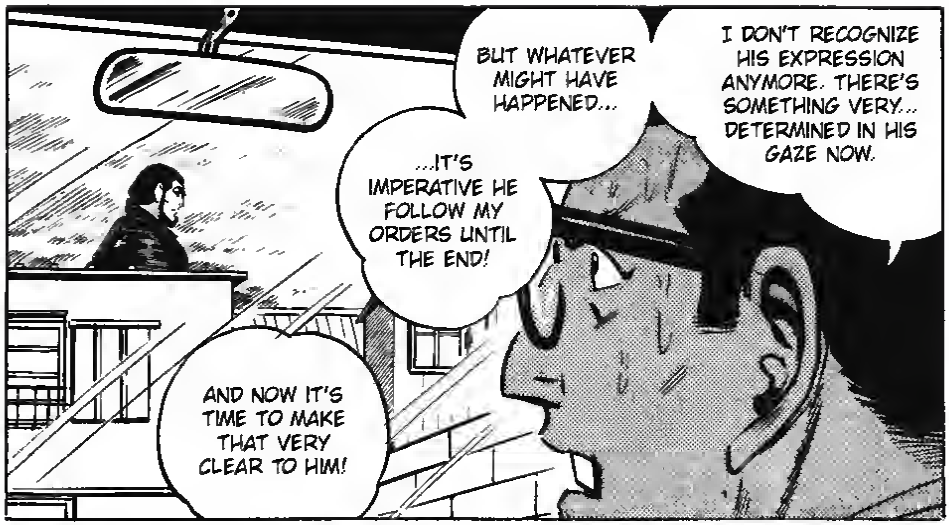
WHAT... WHAT'S GOING ON!


HE SEEMS TO BE... A DIFFERENT PERSON!
...HE SEEMS TO BE FOLLOWING HIS OWN SCRIPT! WHAT COULD'VE HAPPENED?
UNBELIEVABLE... UNTIL NOW HE'D ALWAYS FOLLOWED OUR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE LETTER BUT NOW...
THAT... THAT'S NOT THE MASAO FUJIMOTO I KNEW... THE GENTLE, QUIET FUJIMOTO...


...WE HAD PROVIDED HIM WITH SPECIAL INSULATING GLOVES...
WE NEVER TOLD HIM WHY BUT.. HE SOMEHOW FOUND OUT..
TO PREVENT THAT HEAT TO GUSH FORTH IN WAVES..
HOW...?
...IS AROUND 37 DEGREES CELSIUS BUT THE HEAT GENERATED BY HIS BODY IS IMMENSELY HIGHER...
....AS HE JUST SHOWED THE WORLD.
BESIDES... WITHOUT MY TELLING HIM, HE'S FOUND OUT ABOUT ANOTHER ONE OF HIS NEW POWERS. NORMAL BODY TEMPERATURE...

I'M GOD!
DO NOT DOUBT OR QUESTION MY WORDS!

TOGETHER WITH THE PROFESSOR, THE THREE OF US HAD AGREED ON A PLAN, REHEARSED IT, PERFECTED IT IN EVERY DETAIL. AND IT WORKED EVEN BETTER THAN WE EXPECTED!
...BELIEVING ALL THE TIME IT WAS FOR THE GREATER GOOD OF MANKIND BUT... SINCE THE ACCIDENT WITH THOSE FOREIGNERS HE'S... CHANGED.
AS NERVOUS AS HE OBVIOUSLY WAS, HE PLAYED ALONG...


I DON'T RECOGNIZE HIS EXPRESSION ANYMORE. THERE'S SOMETHING VERY... DETERMINED IN HIS GAZE NOW.
BUT WHATEVER MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED...
...IT'S IMPERATIVE HE FOLLOW MY ORDERS UNTIL THE END!
AND NOW IT'S TIME TO MAKE THAT VERY CLEAR TO HIM!

YOU MUST NEVER DO IT AGAIN, UNLESS I GIVE YOU PERMISSION TO DO IT!
IT COULD BE FATAL TO YOU!
LISTEN TO ME, FUJIMOTO. YOU JUST RELEASED SOME OF YOUR INTERNAL THERMAL ENERGY. THAT WAS VERY FOOLISH!
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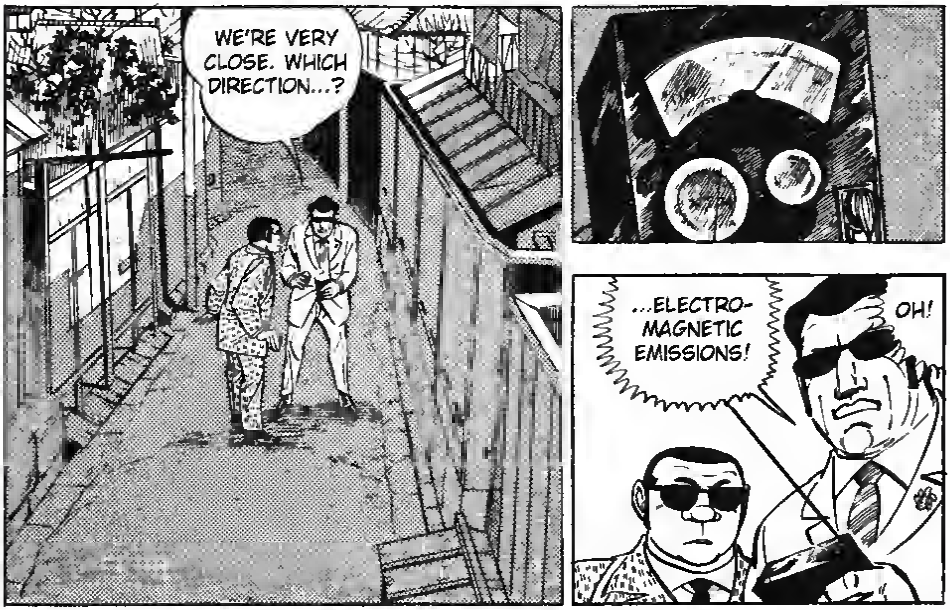
WE'RE VERY CLOSE. WHICH DIRECTION...?
...ELECTRO-MAGNETIC EMISSIONS!
OH!

...IF YOU DO, RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND! NOW!
DO YOU UNDER-STAND ME, FUJIMOTO?
WHY ARE YOU NOT FOLLOW-ING MY INSTRUC-TIONS?
WHAT'S WRONG, FUJIMOTO?
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DAMN IT!
RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND! RAISE IT!
DO AS I SAY!
FU-FUJI-MOTO!

...YOUR RIGHT HAND!" DAMMIT!
I SAID: "RAISE...
BLAST IT!
EVERYTHING IS IN WORKING ORDER. HE CAN HEAR ME PERFECTLY!
HEY!

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W-WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?!
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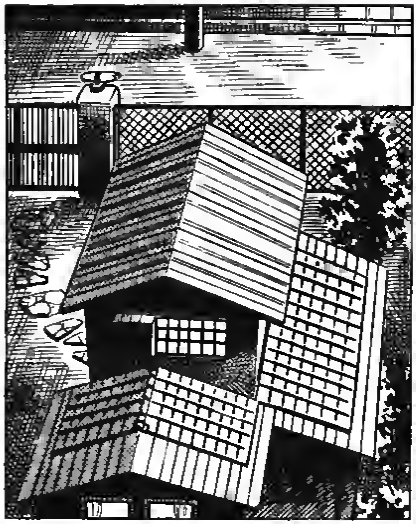
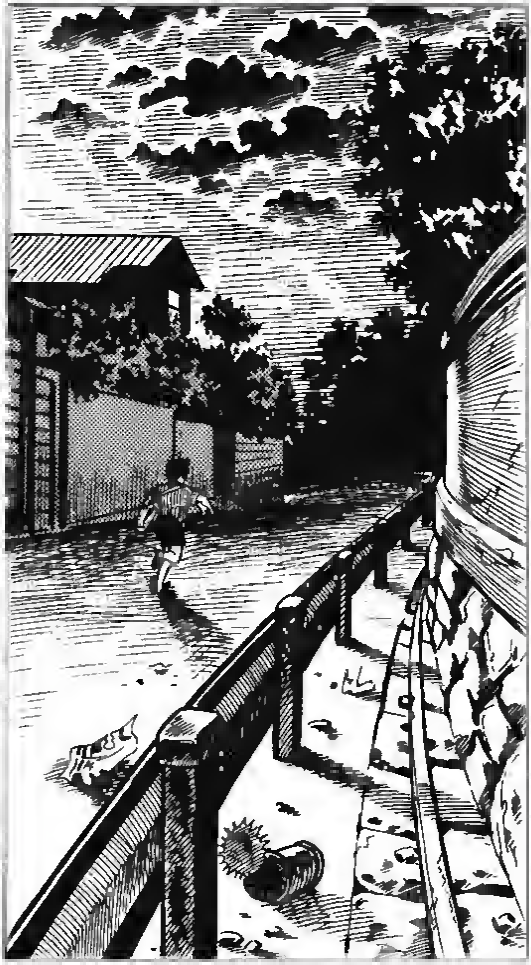
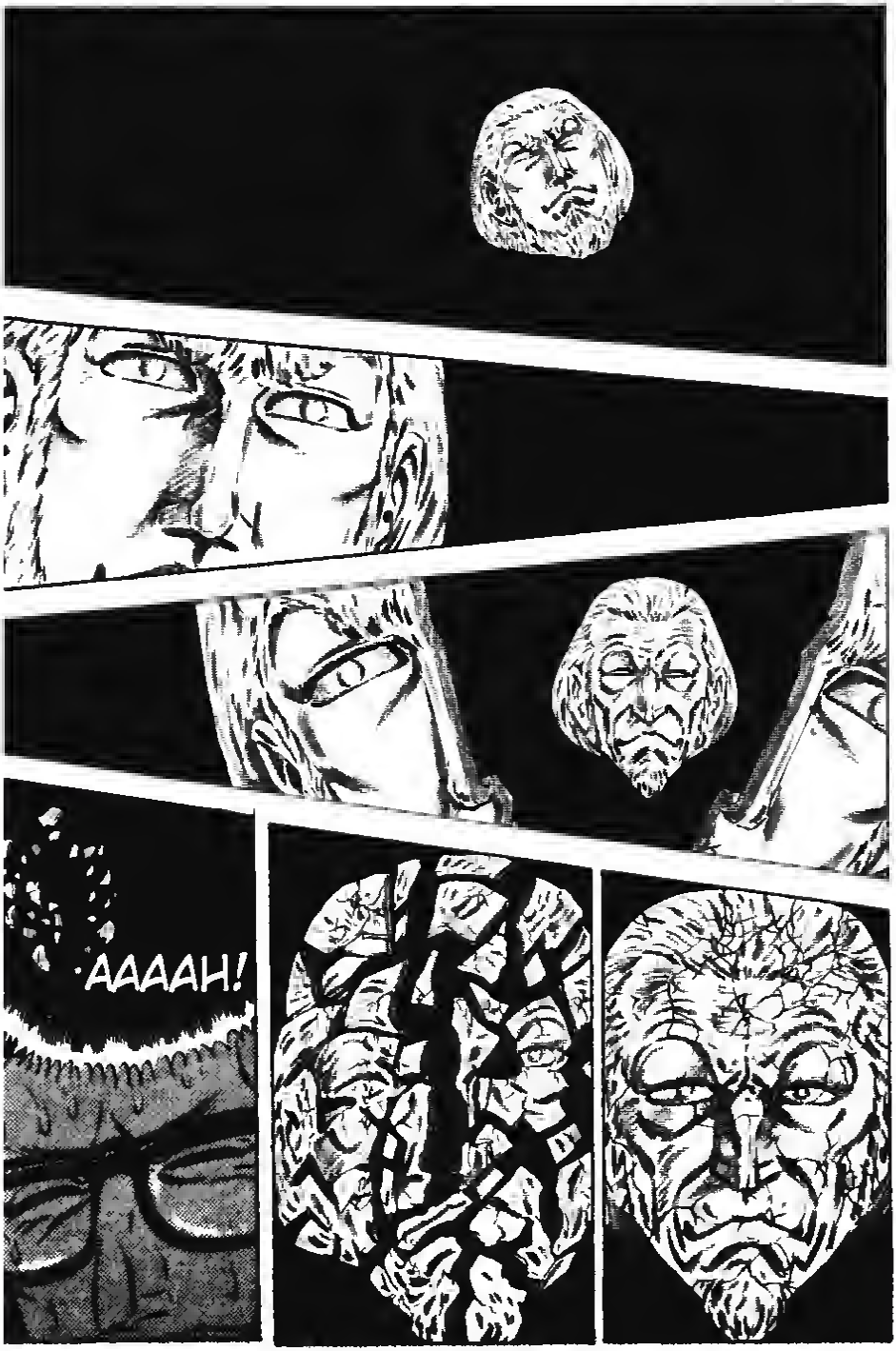
YEAH.
WE HIT PAY DIRT!





HEY, DAD, WHERE'S THE GIANT GOING?
I WONDER WHERE HE'S HEADING ...
THAT'S AWESOME! AWESOME!
YOU'RE CRYING!
HUH? W-WHAT'S WRONG, DAD?
WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM... IT'S JUST SO SAD...
I-I... I WAS JUST READING ABOUT THIS BOY AND... I COULDN'T HELP IT.
WELL,
WHAT'S WRONG, DEAR?
感動の愛と勇気
AKIO FUJIMOTO
TSUYOSHI KOMATSUDA

YOU... KNOW HIM?
WHAT ?!
BUT... THAT'S AKIO!
OH!
YES! WE'RE IN THE SAME CLASS! HE HASN'T COME TO SCHOOL IN A WHILE AND THE TEACHER HAS GONE TO HIS HOUSE SEVERAL TIMES BUT... THERE'S NEVER ANYBODY THERE.
ARE YOU ABSOLUTELY POSITIVE?
YES, IT'S AKIO. NO DOUBT ABOUT IT!
YOU KNOW THIS BOY?
FIRST TO SEE HIS TEACHER, THEN THE POLICE.
YOU NEED TO ASK?
W-WHERE ARE YOU GOING, DARLING?
YES!
COME WITH ME.
ISA-MU!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WELCOME BACK TO THIS VALLEY OF TEARS, KOJO.
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...WHERE ARE WE?
W-WHERE ...
HUH ...?
WE JUST HAD A GOOD LOOK AT THE CONTENTS OF YOUR POCKETS.
JUST RELAX, KOJO. RELAX.
AND HOW DO YOU KNOW MY NAME?
WHO ARE YOU PEOPLE?

WE'RE THE HEAVENLY DAWN SOCIETY.
AND WHO DO I HAVE TO THANK FOR THAT?
I SEE... I'VE BEEN KIDNAPPED!
I'M ITS CHAIRMAN, SHOSHIN KONGO.
THE... HEAVENLY ...?
I'LL HAVE YOU ARRESTED FOR KIDNAPPING!
LET ME APOLOGIZE FOR HAVING USED SUCH ROUGH METHODS. HOWEVER, SECRECY IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE.
... SHO-SHIN ... KON-GO?
W-HAT DOES THIS ... HEAVENLY DAWN SOCIETY HAVE TO DO WITH ME?
I WAS VERY SURPRISED TO FIND OUT YOU WERE PROFESSOR KOBAYAGAWA'S ASSISTANT. THAT EXPLAINED A LOT OF THINGS.

W-WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY...?
GIVEN HOW, ON TOP OF BEING A DOCTOR, HE'S ALSO AN AUTHORITY IN THE FIELD OF..
...CYTOL-OGY.
NOBODY EXCEPT HE COULD HAVE CREATED THAT GIANT.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!.
YOU... YOU ARE CRAZY!
...AND THAT YOU'VE BEEN GUIDING HIS STEPS.
THAT PROFESSOR KOBAYAGAWA CREATED THE GIANT...
MY MEN HAD A GOOD LOOK INSIDE YOUR CAR. THEY FOUND THE TRANSMITTER. NO POINT IN LYING. EH, EH, EH!
LET... LET ME OUT OF HERE!

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RKK!
WALKING AROUND THIS HOUSE WITHOUT MY PERMISSION IS NOT A GOOD IDEA...
YOU SHOULD RESIST THE URGE OF OPENING DOORS AROUND HERE.
...YOU MAY END UP DEAD! IH, IH, IH!
WHY DON'T YOU RELAX?
...
HAVE A CIGARETTE.
WE ARE NOT GOING TO EAT YOU, SO... LIGHTEN UP.

I WANT YOU TO TELL ME EVERY-THING.
AND NOW, KOJO, LET'S TALK.
IT WOULD BE IN YOUR INTEREST TO HELP ME, KOJO.
OUR CHAIRMAN'S WISH IS TO USE THE GIANT TO SECURE CONTROL OF THE EARTH.
I'LL GIVE YOU ALL THE MONEY YOU WANT. HELL, I'LL EVEN BUY YOU ONE, NO, TWO LABORATORIES!
...
I SEE, YOU THINK YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT.
...
AND WHERE IS HE NOW?
WHAT DID PROFESSOR KOBAYAGAWA'S HOPE TO ACHIEVE BY CREATING THE GIANT?
I-I CANNOT TELL YOU WHAT I DON'T KNOW!
I YOU CHOOSE TO TALK NOW, YOU CAN STILL HAVE THE MONEY... AND THE GLORY.
DON'T BE A FOOL.
WELL, YOU CERTAINLY DO. BUT REST ASSURED THAT WE HAVE VERY EFFECTIVE WAYS TO MAKE YOU TALK.

...AREN'T YOU FEELING SLEEPY ?
TELL ME, KOJO...
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TORTURE? DO YOU BELIEVE US CAPABLE OF TORTURING YOU?
...NOT EVEN UNDER TORTURE!
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EH, EH, EH!
AH!
I'M ASKING YOU ONE MORE TIME. WILL YOU TELL US EVERYTHING ?
YOU... DIRTY...
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WHAT'S IN THE CIGARETTE ?
AS A SCIENTIST, I'M SURE YOU CAN GUESS.

THAT'S JUST TOO BAD!
EH, EH, EH!
I CAN'T TELL YOU ANY-THING!
DAMN YOU! I TOLD YOU I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!
WILL YOU?
...U... UHN...
IF YOU CLOSE YOUR EYES, IT'S THE END. DON'T CLOSE THEM, KOJO. CONCENTRATE ON SOMETHING...
I CAN SEE YOU'RE SLEEPY, KOJO. BUT IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT, YOU'LL GET EVEN SLEEPIER.
YOU WANT TO THINK ABOUT SOMETHING ELSE...
...SOME-THING ELSE...
...UHNN...
...
FOR EXAMPLE, CONCENTRATE ON YOUR BUSINESS CARD. YOUR VERY WHITE, PEARLY WHITE, BUSINESS CARD... LOOK AT IT AND... FIGHT THE DROWSINESS.

...WHITE, WHITE...
... WHITE, WHITE ...
LOOK HOW WHITE IT IS... SO WHITE...
...WHITE, WHITE...
THAT'S RIGHT, NEVER.
... NEVER ...
YOU MUST NOT QUESTION MY ORDERS. NEVER.
... TRUE.
EVERYTHING I TELL YOU IS TRUE... TRUE!
YES... HE DID...
TELL ME, DID PROFESSOR KOBAYAGAWA CREATE THE GIANT?

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...UH...
SO... WHY DOESN'T HE GIVE HIM ORDERS IN PERSON, TELL ME?
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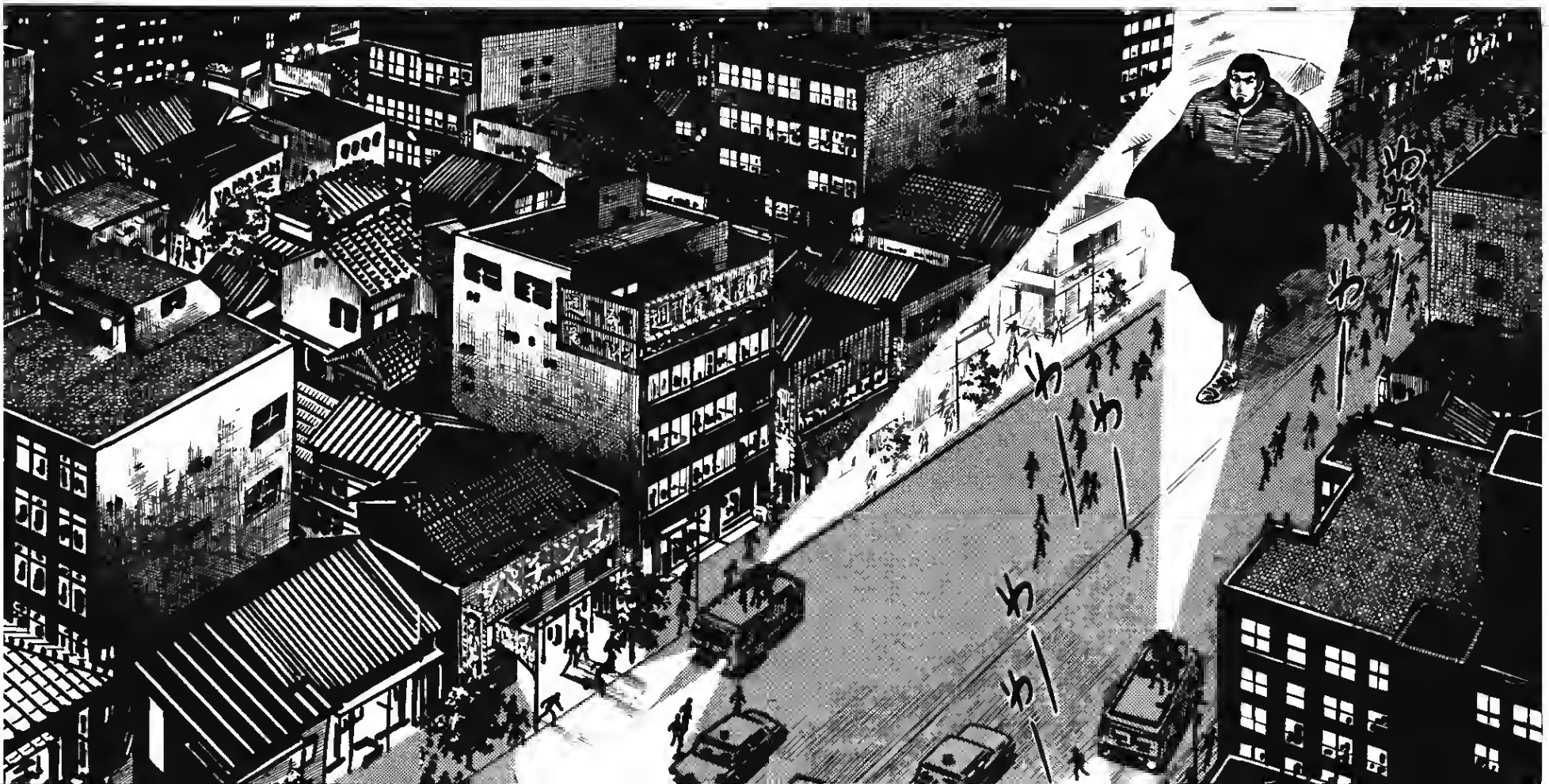
HE, HE IS...
WHERE IS THE PROFESSOR!
...THE... THE PROFES-SOR...
AND WHERE'S PROFESSOR KOBAYAGAWA NOW?

...O MY GOD...!
UHM... THAT'S AN UNEXPECTED DEVELOPMENT.

... KILLED HIM...
...I... I... I...
WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?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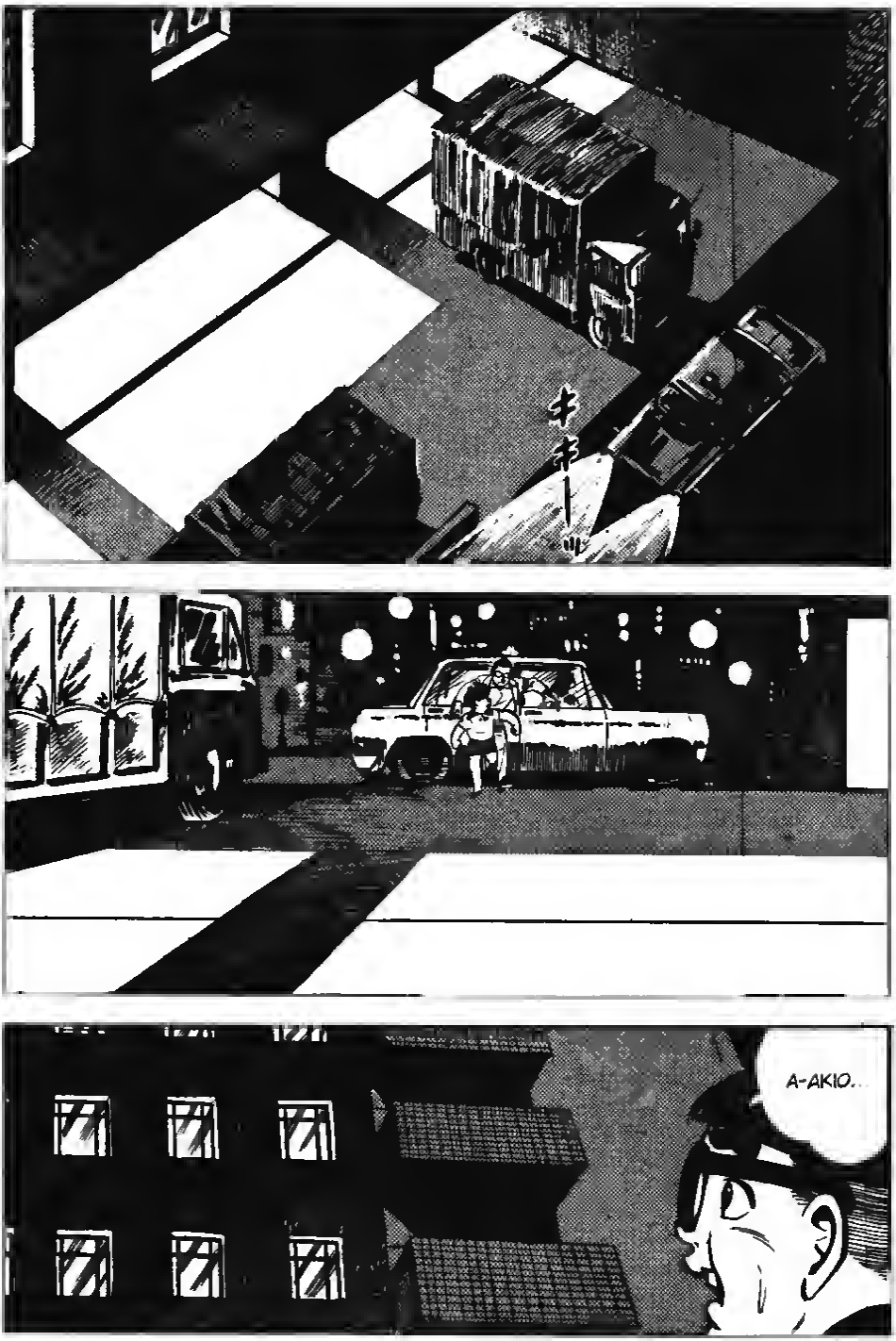
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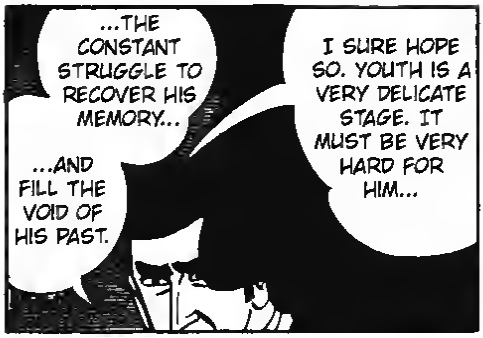
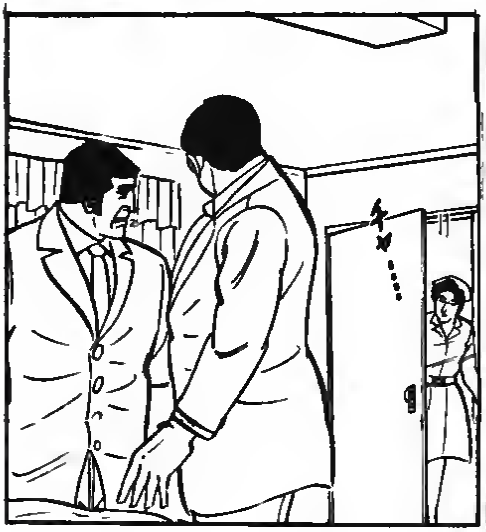
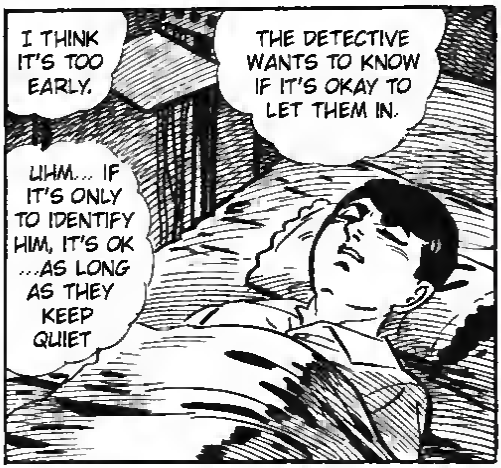

...THE CONSTANT STRUGGLE TO RECOVER HIS MEMORY...
...AND FILL THE VOID OF HIS PAST.
I SURE HOPE SO. YOUTH IS A VERY DELICATE STAGE. IT MUST BE VERY HARD FOR HIM...

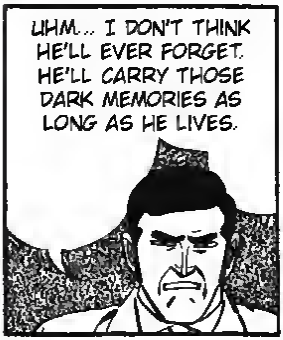


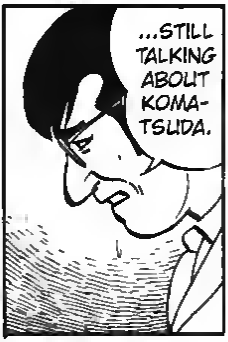
HIS MEMORY IS SLOWLY COMING BACK, THOUGH...
HE FINALLY CALMED DOWN... HE'S EXTREMELY WEAK...

WHAT?
...AND A FRIEND HAVE COME TO SEE HIM.
IT SEEMS THEY FOUND OUT WHO THE BOY IS. ONE OF HIS TEACHERS...

I'LL TELL THEM.

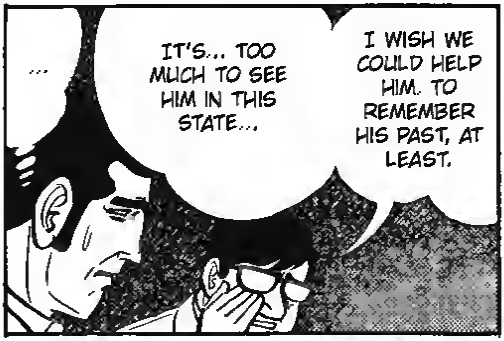

I THINK IT'S TOO EARLY.
THE DETECTIVE WANTS TO KNOW IF IT'S OKAY TO LET THEM IN.
UHM... IF IT'S ONLY TO IDENTIFY HIM, IT'S OK ...AS LONG AS THEY KEEP QUIET


UHM... I DON'T THINK HE'LL EVER FORGET. HE'LL CARRY THOSE DARK MEMORIES AS LONG AS HE LIVES.


...STILL TALKING ABOUT KOMA-TSUDA.

TS-TSUYOSHI ...

...IT AFFECTS ME SO MUCH.
MY BOY IS EXACTLY HIS AGE... THAT'S WHY...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IT'S... TOO MUCH TO SEE HIM IN THIS STATE...
I WISH WE COULD HELP HIM. TO REMEMBER HIS PAST, AT LEAST.

JUST LOOKING AT HIM MAKES MY HEART ACHE.
I REALLY WISH I COULD DO SOMETHING FOR HIM.
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HUSH.
YES, HE'S REALLY AKIO FUJIMOTO.

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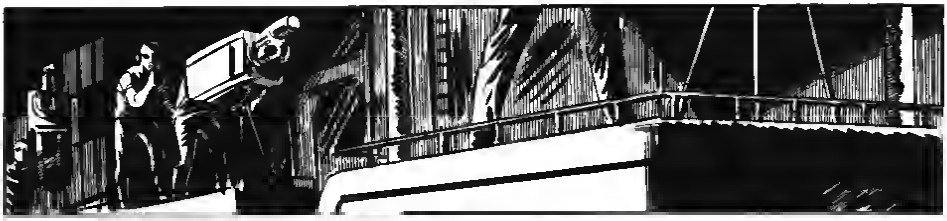
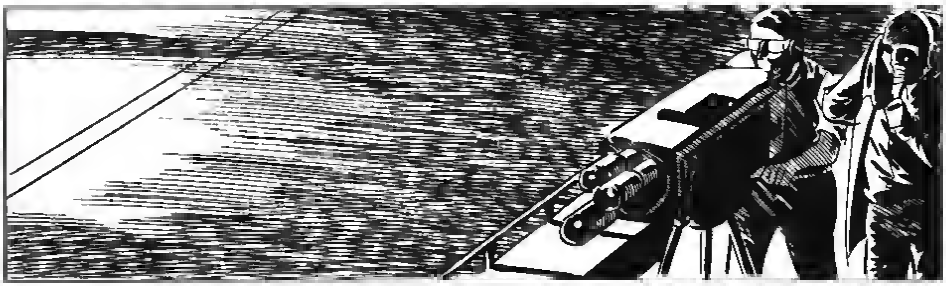
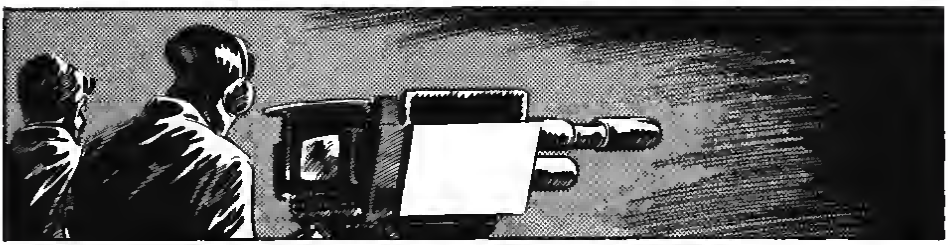
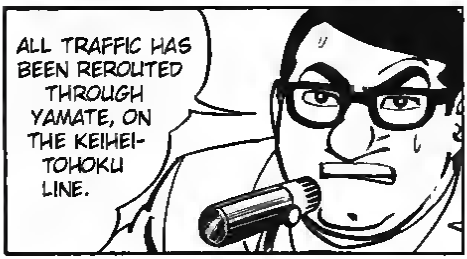
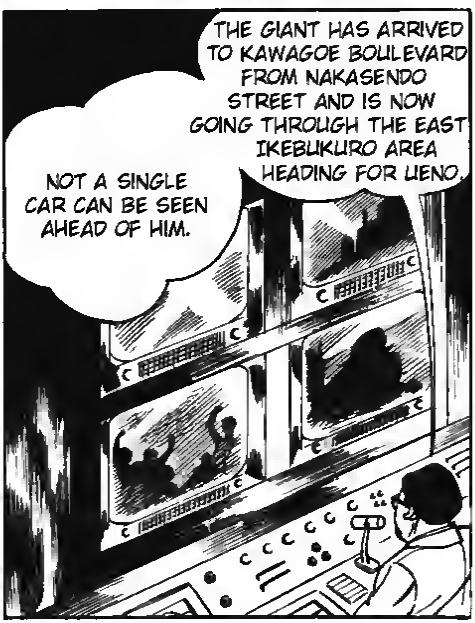
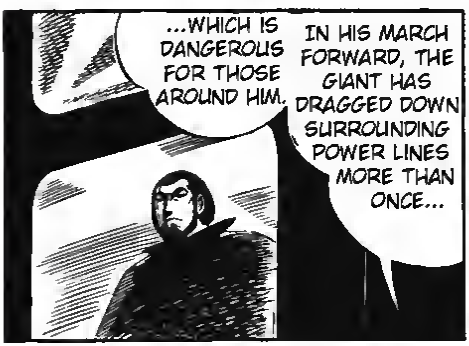


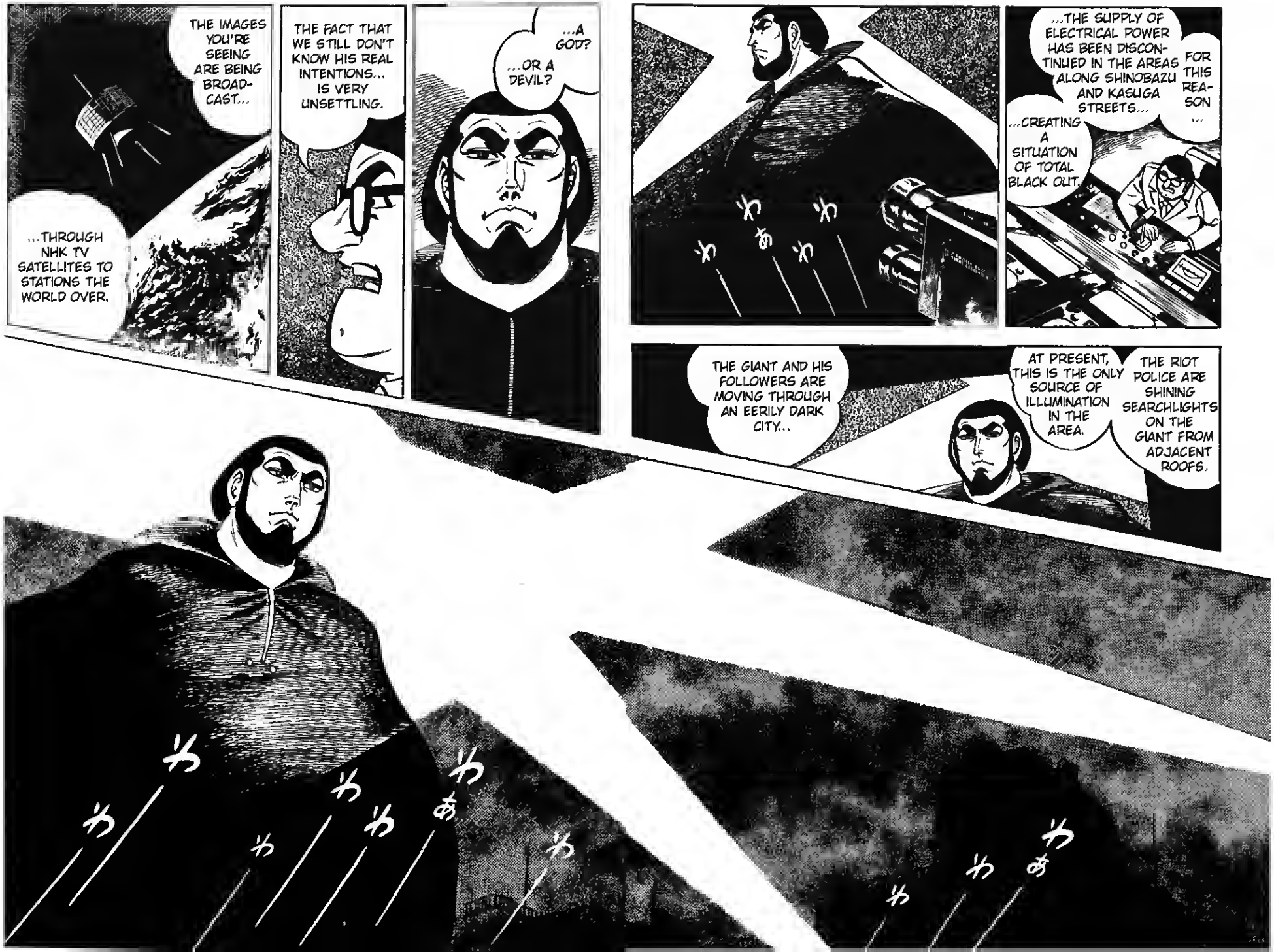





ALL TRAFFIC HAS BEEN REROUTED THROUGH YAMATE, ON THE KEIHEI-TOHOKU LINE.


THE GIANT HAS ARRIVED TO KAWAGOE BOULEVARD FROM NAKASENDO STREET AND IS NOW GOING THROUGH THE EAST IKEBUKURO AREA HEADING FOR UENO.
NOT A SINGLE CAR CAN BE SEEN AHEAD OF HIM.


IN HIS MARCH FORWARD, THE GIANT HAS DRAGGED DOWN SURROUNDING POWER LINES MORE THAN ONCE...
...WHICH IS DANGEROUS FOR THOSE AROUND HIM.


THE IMAGES YOU'RE SEEING ARE BEING BROADCAST...
...THROUGH NHK TV SATELLITES TO STATIONS THE WORLD OVER.
THE FACT THAT WE STILL DON'T KNOW HIS REAL INTENTIONS... IS VERY UNSETTLING.
...A GOD?
...OR A DEVIL?
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...THE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICAL POWER HAS BEEN DISCONTINUED IN THE AREAS ALONG SHINOBAZU AND KASUGA STREETS...
FOR THIS REASON ...
...CREATING A SITUATION OF TOTAL BLACK OUT.
THE GIANT AND HIS FOLLOWERS ARE MOVING THROUGH AN EERILY DARK CITY...
AT PRESENT, THIS IS THE ONLY SOURCE OF ILLUMINATION IN THE AREA.
THE RIOT POLICE ARE SHINING SEARCHLIGHTS ON THE GIANT FROM ADJACENT ROOFS.
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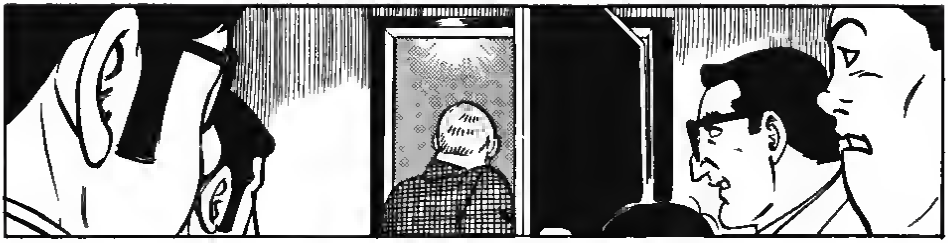
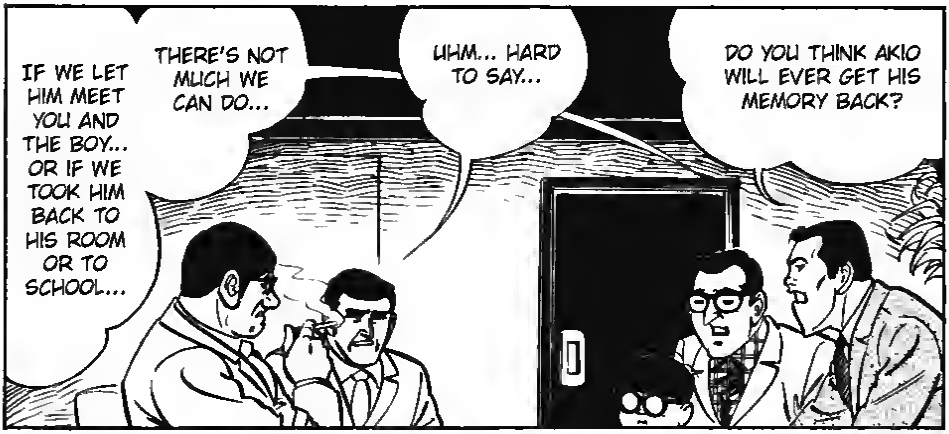
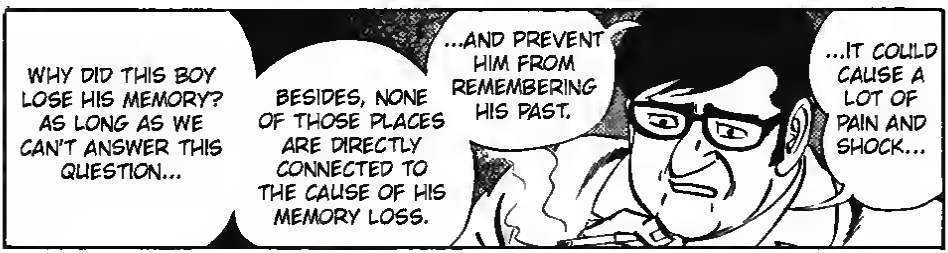
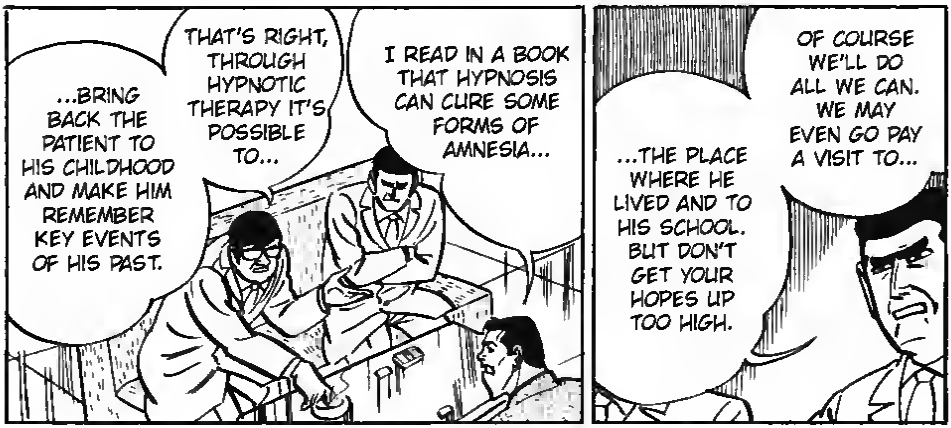
SO... HIS NAME IS AKIO FUJIMOTO... AND HIS BROTHER'S IS MASAO... I GOT IT.
THE TWO BROTHERS WERE LIVING ON THEIR OWN... AND THE OLDER ONE IS MISSING TOO.
WELL, THEN...
...WE'LL GO ON SEARCHING FOR HIM.
AND HE HASN'T BEEN SEEN AT HIS OFFICE EITHER.
WHICH LEADS ME TO BELIEVE BOTH OF THEM WERE INVOLVED IN THE SAME KIND OF ACCIDENT.




IF WE LET HIM MEET YOU AND THE BOY... OR IF WE TOOK HIM BACK TO HIS ROOM OR TO SCHOOL...
THERE'S NOT MUCH WE CAN DO...
UHM... HARD TO SAY...
DO YOU THINK AKIO WILL EVER GET HIS MEMORY BACK?


WHY DID THIS BOY LOSE HIS MEMORY? AS LONG AS WE CAN'T ANSWER THIS QUESTION...
BESIDES, NONE OF THOSE PLACES ARE DIRECTLY CONNECTED TO THE CAUSE OF HIS MEMORY LOSS.
...AND PREVENT HIM FROM REMEMBERING HIS PAST.
...IT COULD CAUSE A LOT OF PAIN AND SHOCK...


...BRING BACK THE PATIENT TO HIS CHILDHOOD AND MAKE HIM REMEMBER KEY EVENTS OF HIS PAST.
THAT'S RIGHT, THROUGH HYPNOTIC THERAPY IT'S POSSIBLE TO...
I READ IN A BOOK THAT HYPNOSIS CAN CURE SOME FORMS OF AMNESIA...
...THE PLACE WHERE HE LIVED AND TO HIS SCHOOL. BUT DON'T GET YOUR HOPES UP TOO HIGH.
OF COURSE WE'LL DO ALL WE CAN. WE MAY EVEN GO PAY A VISIT TO...

UNFORTUNATELY, THERE'RE ONLY TWO OF THEM IN THE WORLD...
...CARRIED OUT BY EXPERT PSYCHOLOGISTS, IT MAY NOT UNCOVER THE CAUSE OF THE MEMORY LOSS...
WE'RE WORKING ON IT. HOWEVER, UNLESS THERAPEUTIC HYPNOSIS IS...
THEN WHY DON'T-
HE'S JAPAN 'S MOST RENOWNED PSYCHOLO-GIST...
...DR. SHOSHIN KONGO.
WHO... IS HE?
...I BELIEVE THE HOSPITAL DIRECTOR IS TALKING TO HIM ON THE PHONE AS WE SPEAK...
THE OTHER ONE...
ONE OF THEM, PROFESSOR H. SPEEZORE, LIVES IN AMERICA AND IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO CONVINCE HIM TO COME HERE ONLY FOR THIS BOY.
HE'S A VERY BUSY MAN AND WE'RE NOT SURE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO...
THAT'S HIM.
YOU MEAN... THE HEAVENLY DAWN SOCIETY'S...

VERY GOOD.
...ARE IN MY FILES.
...AS WELL AS THE FORMULA FOR CONTROL-GO...
ALL THE DATA CONCERNING THE GIANT, A.K.A. MASAO FUJI-MOTO.
...
...AND YOUR MIND...
...LET SLEEP ENTER YOUR BODY...
YOU'RE VERY SLEEPY... YOUR EYELIDS FEEL UNBEARABLY HEAVY...
YOU CAN SLEEP NOW... SLEEP...
SLEEP... SLEEP... SLEEP...

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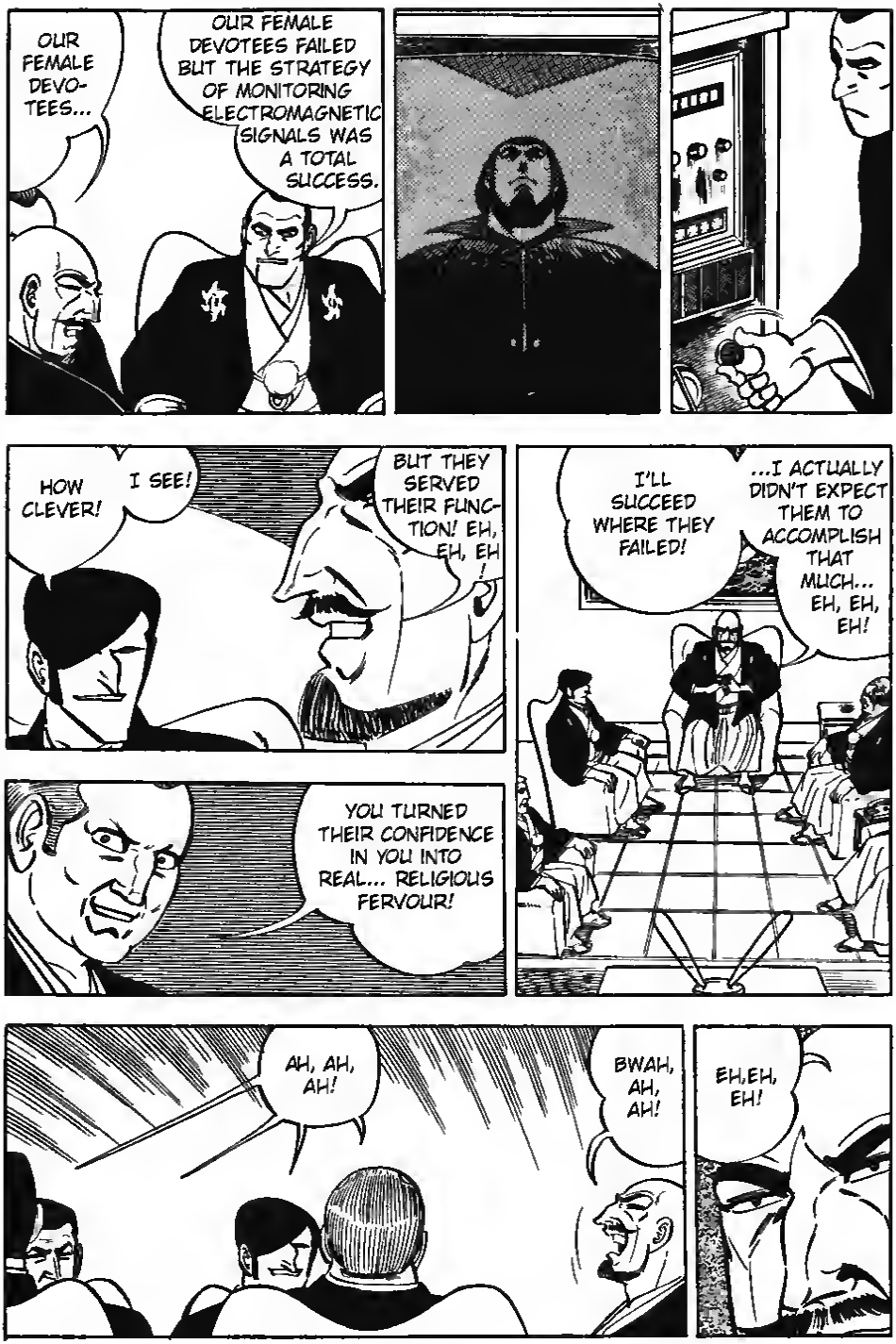
TURN THE LIGHT ON.
OKAY.
I'LL HAVE ANOTHER GO AT HIM LATER. BUT NOW I WANT HIM TO REST.
I THINK HE TOLD US ALL HE KNEW...
EH, EH, EH...
EH, EH, EH!
YOU HAVEN'T SEEN ANYTHING YET!
CONGRATULATIONS.
EVERYTHING WENT AS YOU PLANNED, CHAIRMAN.


OUR FEMALE DEVO-TEES...
OUR FEMALE DEVOTEES FAILED BUT THE STRATEGY OF MONITORING ELECTROMAGNETIC SIGNALS WAS A TOTAL SUCCESS.
HOW CLEVER!
I SEE!
BUT THEY SERVED THEIR FUNC-TION! EH, EH, EH
YOU TURNED THEIR CONFIDENCE IN YOU INTO REAL... RELIGIOUS FERVOUR!
I'LL SUCCEED WHERE THEY FAILED!
...I ACTUALLY DIDN'T EXPECT THEM TO ACCOMPLISH THAT MUCH... EH, EH, EH!
AH, AH, AH!
BWAH, AH, AH!
EH,EH, EH!

THE CHAIRMAN'S QUITE BUSY. ASK HIM WHAT HE WANTS!
THERE'S A CALL FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE POLICE HOSPITAL...
WHAT?
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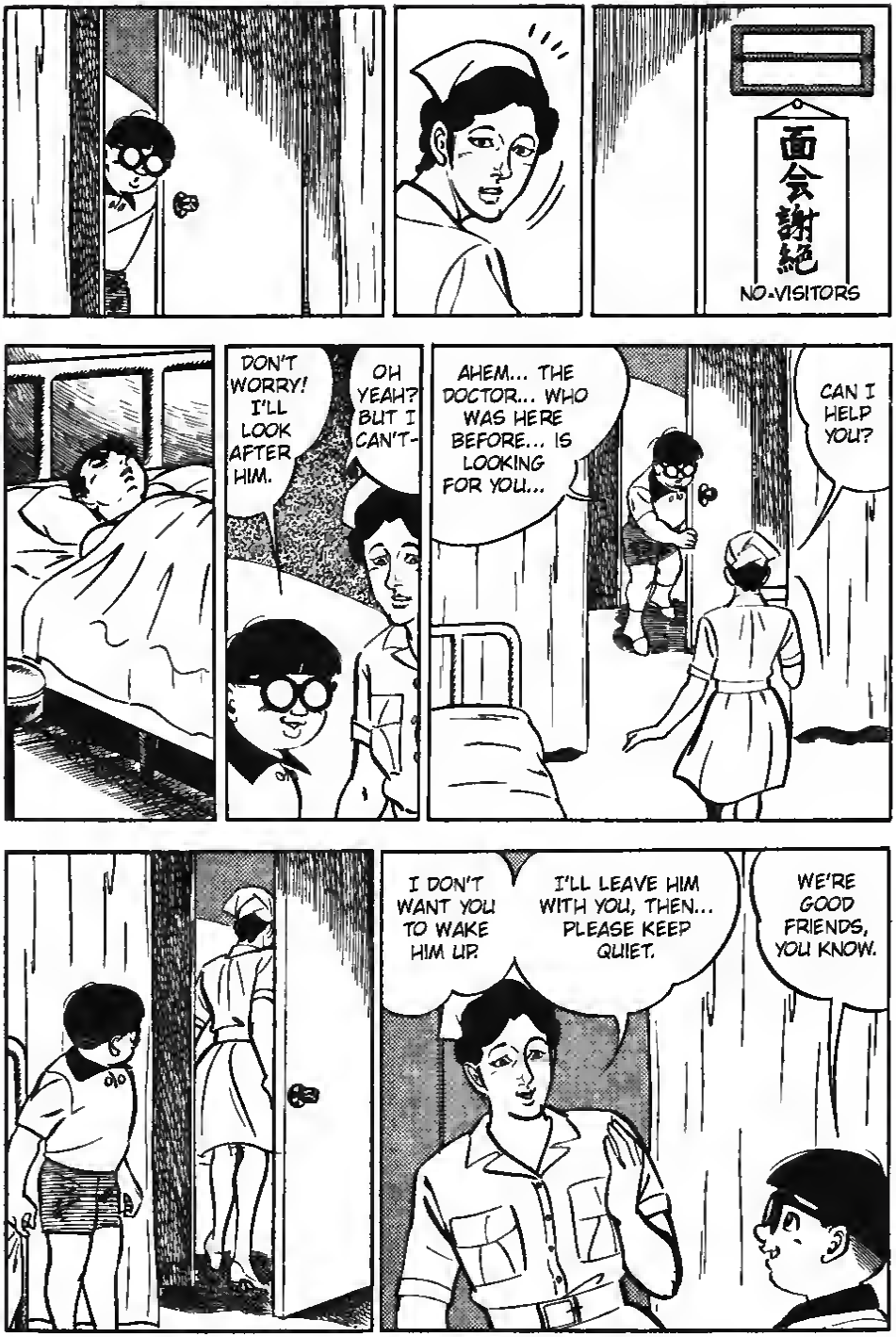
I'M CURIOUS TO KNOW WHY HE CALLS IN PERSON AT THIS TIME OF NIGHT.
HUH?
NO, WAIT. LET ME TALK TO HIM!
SO... WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?
KONGO SPEAKING, SORRY FOR KEEPING YOU WAITING...
UH? ...A BOY SUFFERING FROM REGRESSIVE AMNESIA...? YOU MEAN... THAT BOY?

I CAN'T BELIEVE AKIO DIDN'T RECOGNIZE ME... I HAVEN'T CHANGED AT ALL!
IS THAT REALLY THE EFFECT OF HIS DISEASE? I REALLY WANT TO MAKE SURE...
I'M SURE HE REMEMBERS ME... WE WERE SUCH GOOD BUDDIES.
I JUST CAN'T BELIEVE HE COULD FORGET WHO I AM!
BUT IF HE REALLY DID... THEN I'LL MAKE HIM REMEMBER ME!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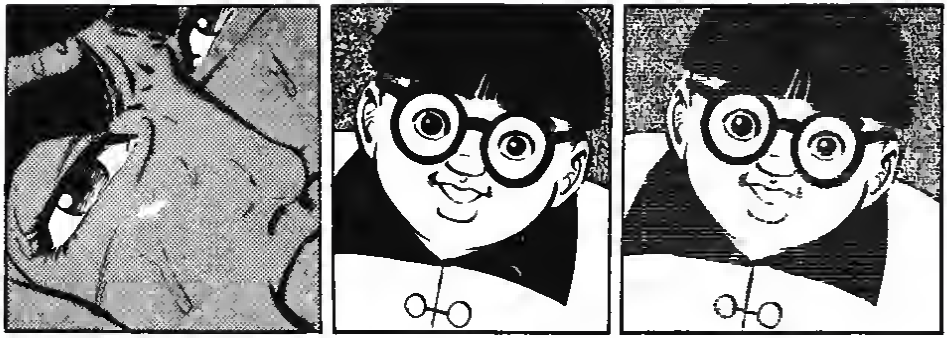
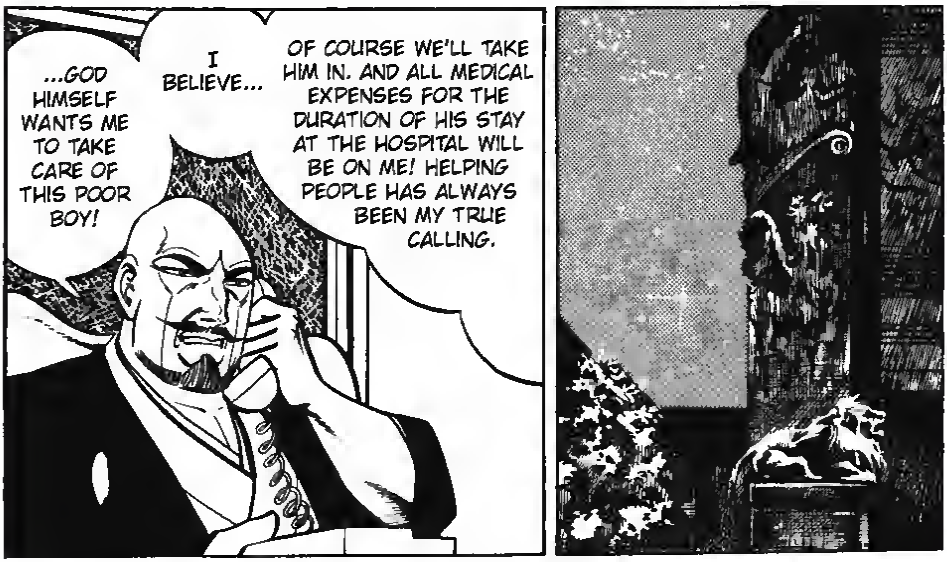
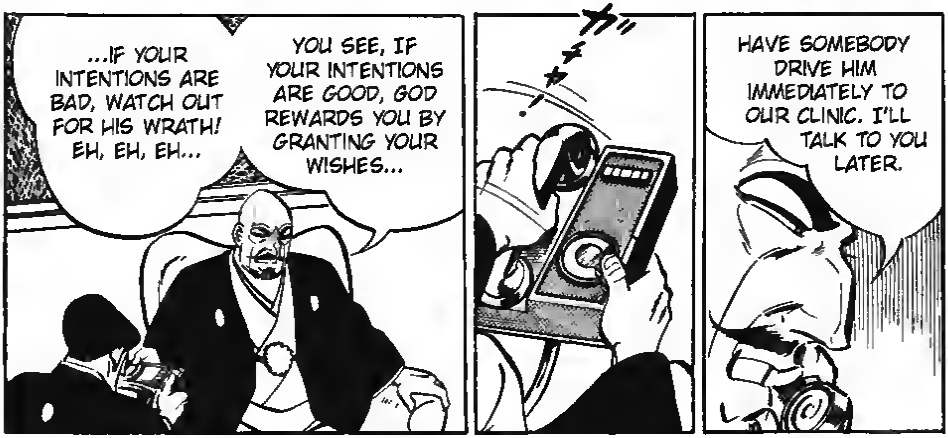
NO-VISITORS
DON'T WORRY! I'LL LOOK AFTER HIM.
OH YEAH? BUT I CAN'T-
AHEM... THE DOCTOR... WHO WAS HERE BEFORE... IS LOOKING FOR YOU...
CAN I HELP YOU?
I DON'T WANT YOU TO WAKE HIM UP.
I'LL LEAVE HIM WITH YOU, THEN... PLEASE KEEP QUIET.
WE'RE GOOD FRIENDS, YOU KNOW.

IS HE REALLY... SICK?
IH, IH! I SOUND LIKE A REAL DOCTOR!
HE DOESN'T SEEM TO HAVE A TEMPER-ATURE.
AKIO! AKIO!
AKIO! AKIO!
IT'S ME! "FOUR-EYES" ISAMU!



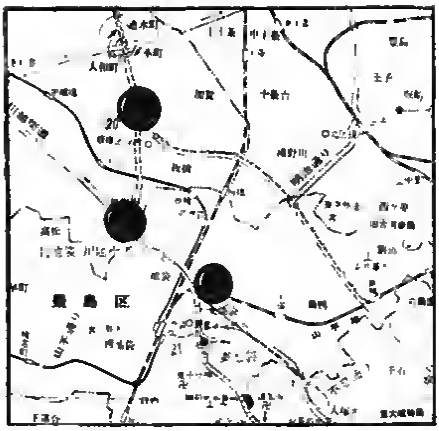

...GOD HIMSELF WANTS ME TO TAKE CARE OF THIS POOR BOY!
I BELIEVE...
OF COURSE WE'LL TAKE HIM IN. AND ALL MEDICAL EXPENSES FOR THE DURATION OF HIS STAY AT THE HOSPITAL WILL BE ON ME! HELPING PEOPLE HAS ALWAYS BEEN MY TRUE CALLING.

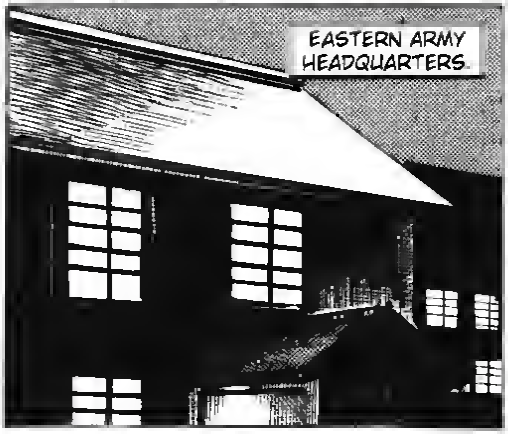

...IF YOUR INTENTIONS ARE BAD, WATCH OUT FOR HIS WRATH! EH, EH, EH...
YOU SEE, IF YOUR INTENTIONS ARE GOOD, GOD REWARDS YOU BY GRANTING YOUR WISHES...
HAVE SOMEBODY DRIVE HIM IMMEDIATELY TO OUR CLINIC. I'LL TALK TO YOU LATER.

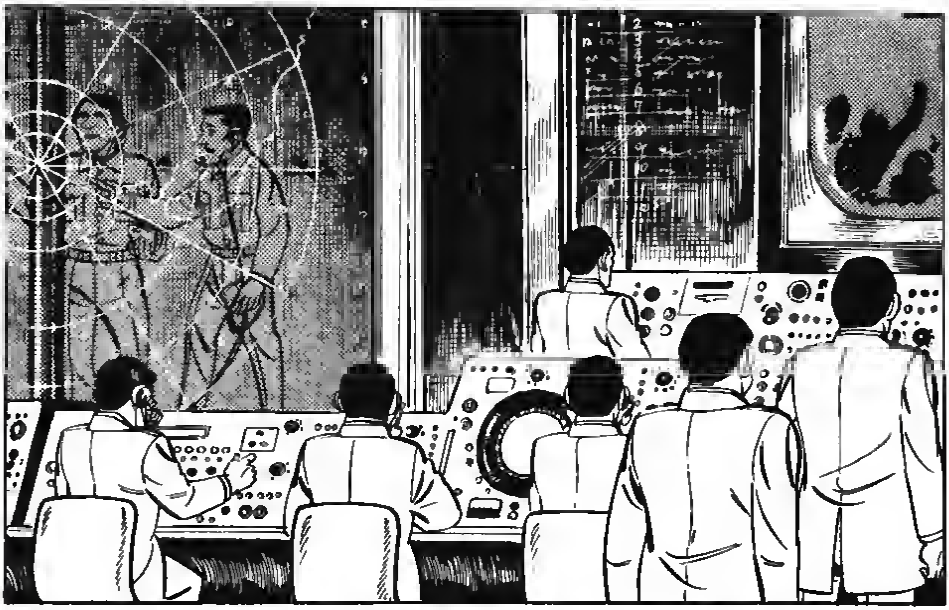
...THE BOY, THE MOST IMPORTANT PIECE OF THE PUZZLE, ON A SILVER PLATTER! HIS LIFE IS IN MY HANDS!
AND NOW IT HAS HANDED ME...
EH, EH, EH... MEN'S FORTUNES DEPEND ON FATE, AND FATE HAS BEEN SMILING DOWN ON ME LATELY.

AH, AH, AH, AH!

FIRST DIVISION OF THE EASTERN ARMY OF THE JAPANESE GROUND SELF-DEFENCE FORCE,




EASTERN ARMY HEADQUARTERS.



OK.
IT'S THE CITY GOVER-NOR.

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YES, WE'RE READY TO INTERVENE THE MOMENT YOU REQUESTS US TO!
YES, THAT'S RIGHT!
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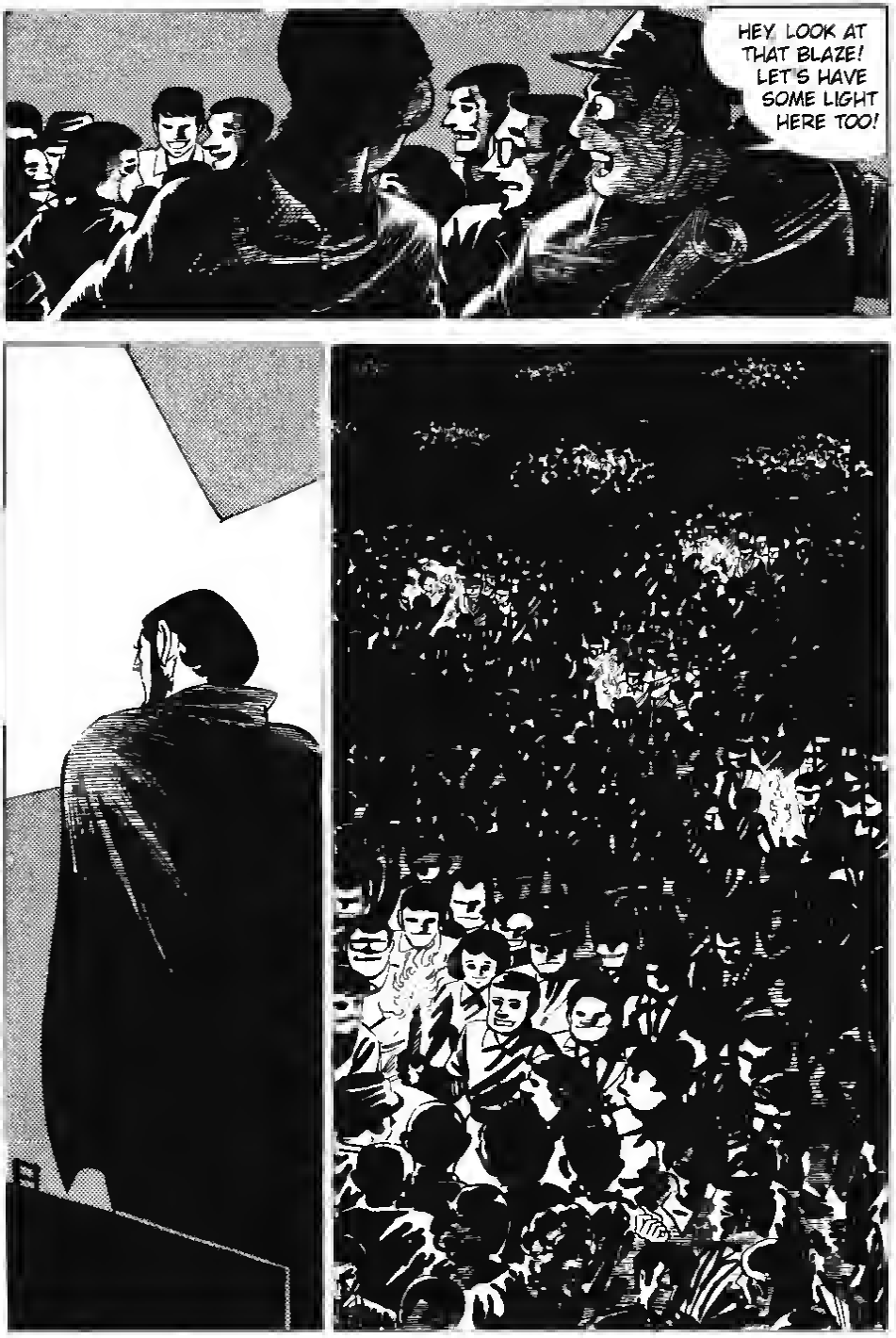
YOU STUPID? IT'S OBVIOUS, RIGHT?
BUT... HOW?
YEAH, TIME TO TURN THE LIGHT ON, FOLKS!
MAN, IT'S SO DARK HERE. IT TOTALLY BRINGS ME DOWN!
GODS ARE ALWAYS SURROUNDED BY LIGHT, DON'T YOU KNOW?
I SEE... BUT... BUT...
YEAH, WE START A NICE FIRE! WOO-OSH!
LET'S GO WOOO-OSH!
...THAT KIND OF STUFF, YOU KNOW...
FIRE CEREMONIES, REVERENTIAL CANDLES ...
EH, EH, EH!
SOUNDS GOOD TO ME!


HEY, LOOK AT THAT BLAZE! LET'S HAVE SOME LIGHT HERE TOO!

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IT'S CATCHING, IT'S CATCHING!
EH, EH!
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AAHHH!
HEY! SOME IDIOT SET A CAR ON FIRE!
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LOOK! THERE'S A CAR ON FIRE!
DAMN! PEOPLE ARE GOING TO START PANICKING !
AND ANOTHER ONE!
YAAH-HH!
OHHH!
AHHHH!
YAHHHH!

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GOD!

GOD!
ARE YE WILLING TO SUFFER MY WRATH?
WHO HAS GIVEN YE PERMISSION TO DO SUCH A FOOLISH THING?

YE MUST ALWAYS WAIT FOR MY ORDERS!
YE FOOLISH PEOPLE! I FORBID YOU TO ACT OF THY OWN WILL!
ALWAYS !

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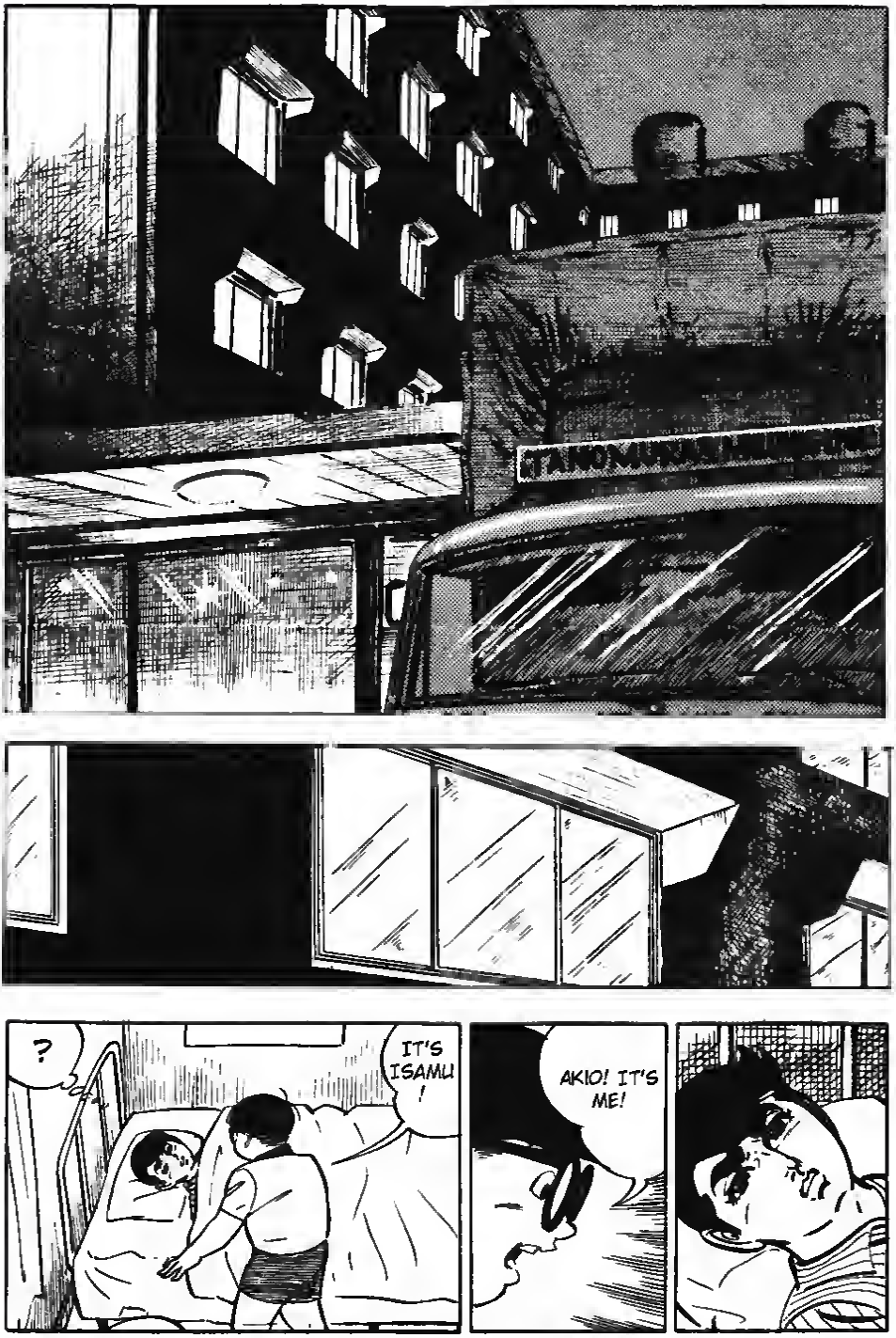
TAKAMURA
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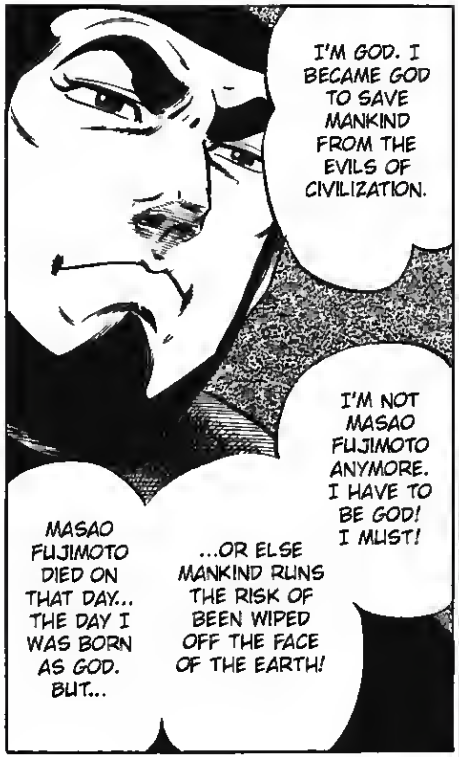
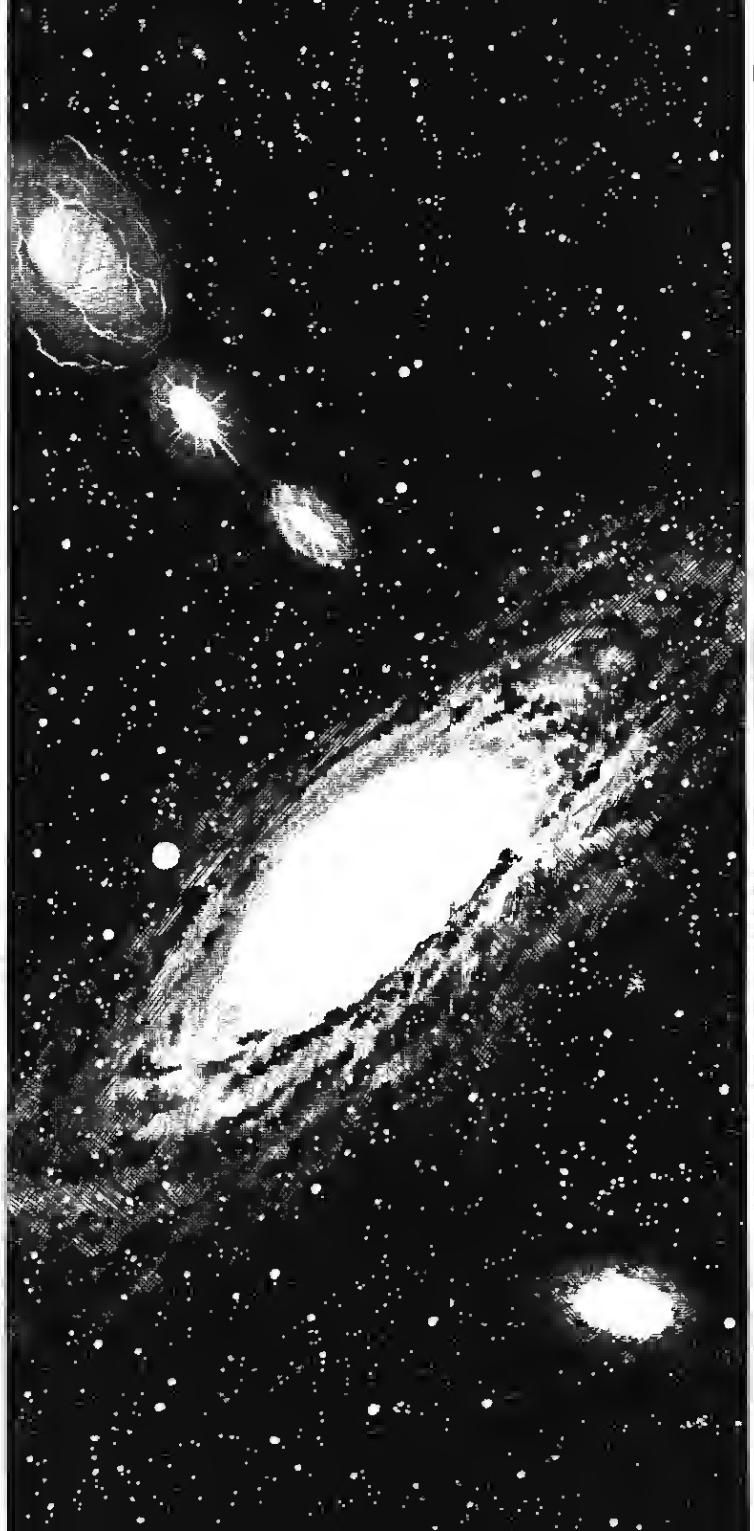
IT'S ISAMU!
AKIO! IT'S ME!

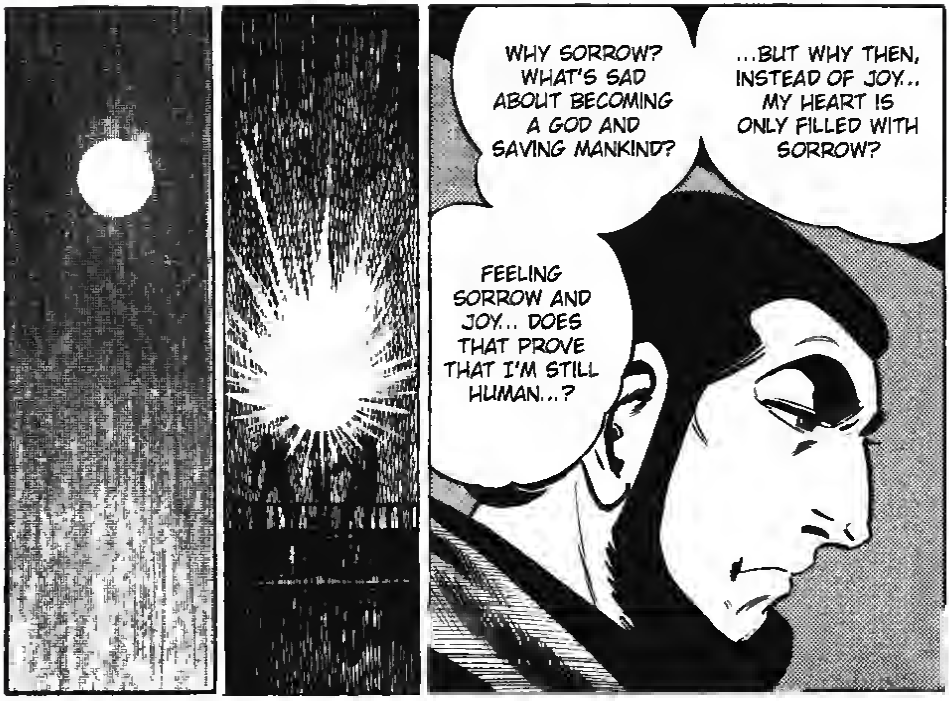
A-AKIO... IS MY... NAME?
IT'S... IT'S YOUR NAME. DON'T YOU REMEMBER?
A-AKIO ...?
I'M YOUR FRIEND! WE'RE FRIENDS, AKIO!
DON'T YOU REALLY REMEMBER ME! COME, ON! DON'T YOU REMEMBER WE ALWAYS USED TO SIT NEXT TO EACH OTHER IN CLASS?
...AKIO FUJI-MOTO...
FUJI-MOTO ...
...TO BE TELLING YOU YOUR OWN NAME!
YES, AKIO FUJIMOTO. BOY, IT FEELS SO WEIRD...
MY... NAME IS... AKIO...
WOW! I... DIDN'T THINK ANYBODY COULD FORGET HIS NAME!
UH-OH! I HADN'T EXPECTED THIS...
I CANNOT REMEMBER THAT... MY NAME IS AKIO FUJIMOTO ...
OHHH-HHHH!
NOT A THING!
I CANNOT REMEMBER ANYTHING!
ARE YOU OKAY, AKIO?

...IT'S NO GOOD! I CAN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING!
...ISAMU ... URASHIMA...
I... I'M YOUR FRIEND! ISAMU, ISAMU URASHIMA!
...AND WHO ARE YOU?
W-WHAT.... AM I DOING HERE...?
UHNNN ....
...YOU WERE BROUGHT HERE BY HELICOPTER.
IN TOKYO'S POLICE HOSPITAL
W-WHERE ARE WE?
NO... NOT NOW...
DOES YOUR HEAD STILL HURT, AKIO?
...ALL THOSE REPORTERS WERE GANGING UP ON ME.
YES... I REMEMBER...

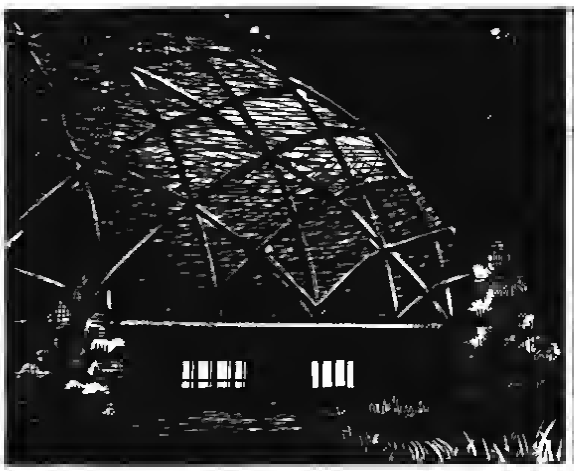
I-ISAMU!
...BUT I'M USED TO IT BY NOW..
IT HURTS ONLY WHEN I MAKE AN EFFORT TO REMEMBER THINGS...
B-BUT... I WAS WORRIED ABOUT AKIO. HE'S MY FRIEND, YOU KNOW?
DO YOU?
D-DO YOU REALIZE WHAT YOU JUST DID?
...I'M OKAY.
NO...
YOUR HEAD DOESN'T HURT?
...
HE'S MY FRIEND.
IT WILL BE MUCH EASIER TO TAKE HIM TO DOCTOR KONGO'S CLINIC NOW.
WELL, AT LEAST HE'S CALMED DOWN...
NO... NOT A SINGLE THING.
DID YOU REMEMBER ANYTHING WHILE TALKING TO HIM?

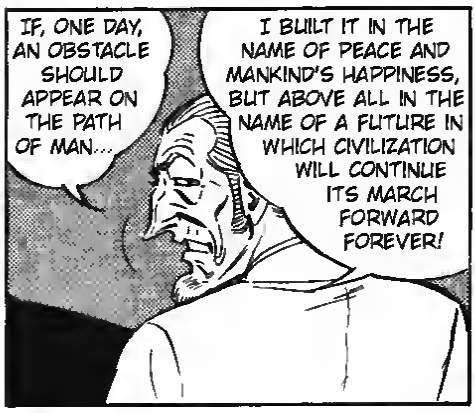

I'M GOD. I BECAME GOD TO SAVE MANKIND FROM THE EVILS OF CIVILIZATION.
I'M NOT MASAO FUJIMOTO ANYMORE. I HAVE TO BE GOD! I MUST!
MASAO FUJIMOTO DIED ON THAT DAY... THE DAY I WAS BORN AS GOD. BUT...
...OR ELSE MANKIND RUNS THE RISK OF BEEN WIPED OFF THE FACE OF THE EARTH!

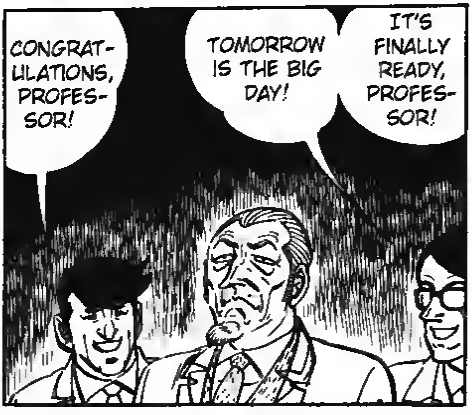


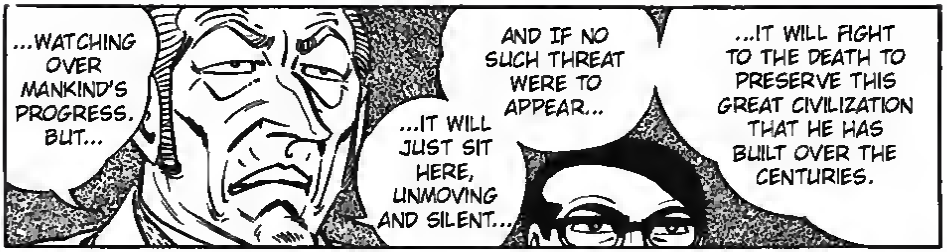

WHY SORROW? WHAT'S SAD ABOUT BECOMING A GOD AND SAVING MANKIND?
...BUT WHY THEN, INSTEAD OF JOY.. MY HEART IS ONLY FILLED WITH SORROW?
FEELING SORROW AND JOY... DOES THAT PROVE THAT I'M STILL HUMAN...?

NARA. THE CRADLE OF JAPANESE CIVILIZATION...




IF, ONE DAY, AN OBSTACLE SHOULD APPEAR ON THE PATH OF MAN...
I BUILT IT IN THE NAME OF PEACE AND MANKIND'S HAPPINESS, BUT ABOVE ALL IN THE NAME OF A FUTURE IN WHICH CIVILIZATION WILL CONTINUE ITS MARCH FORWARD FOREVER!

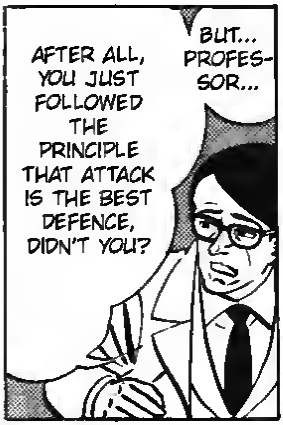

CONGRATULATIONS, PROFESSOR!
TOMORROW IS THE BIG DAY!
IT'S FINALLY READY, PROFESSOR!


...WATCHING OVER MANKIND'S PROGRESS. BUT...
...IT WILL JUST SIT HERE, UNMOVING AND SILENT...
AND IF NO SUCH THREAT WERE TO APPEAR...
...IT WILL FIGHT TO THE DEATH TO PRESERVE THIS GREAT CIVILIZATION THAT HE HAS BUILT OVER THE CENTURIES.

I HOPE IT WON'T BE THE CASE. FOR OVER TEN DAYS...
YOU... CAN'T BE SERIOUS, PROFESSOR!

...IT WILL BE CALLED TO FIGHT TO PROTECT MAN'S CIVILIZATION!

...I HAVE A FEELING THAT SOON, VERY SOON...
BUT... WHAT? PROFESSOR?


AFTER ALL, YOU JUST FOLLOWED THE PRINCIPLE THAT ATTACK IS THE BEST DEFENCE, DIDN'T YOU?
BUT... PROFESSOR...

EVEN I, ITS CREATOR, WHEN I THINK ABOUT IT... I GET A CHILL DOWN MY SPINE.

BECAUSE, YOU SEE, ONCE IT'S SET IN MOTION, IT WILL UNLEASH ALL ITS POWER TO PROTECT CIVILIZATION...
...I'VE AGONIZED OVER THIS... WHETHER TO ENABLE IT TO FIGHT OR NOT.
...AND A FRIGHTENING POWER IT IS! A VERY FRIGHTENING POWER!

...
...
THE DAY IT WERE TO BE PUT TO USE, HOWEVER... IT COULD HAVE TERRIFYING CONSEQUENCES...
THAT'S RIGHT, THAT'S WHAT DROVE ME TO DEVELOP A PLASMA ENGINE.
...AND THAT DAY COULD BE DANGEROUSLY NEAR...

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IN WHICH CASE YOU'RE MORE THAN WELCOME TO STAY. PLEASE, COME INSIDE.
I'VE BEEN ASSIGNED TO PROTECT THE BOY AND...
THERE'S NOTHING YOU NEED TO WORRY ABOUT.
BESIDES, HYPNOTIC THERAPY TAKES TIME TO BE EFFECTIVE.
YOU CAN ALL GO BACK NOW, WE' RE PERFECTLY EQUIPPED TO TAKE CARE OF HIM.
BUT... BUT...
THESE THINGS TAKE TIME. WE'LL LET YOU KNOW WHEN HE'S BETTER.
NEGA- TIVE!
COULD WE COME AND VISIT HIM TOMORROW?
AHEM...
GOODNIGHT.
A-AKIO!
...AKIO ...

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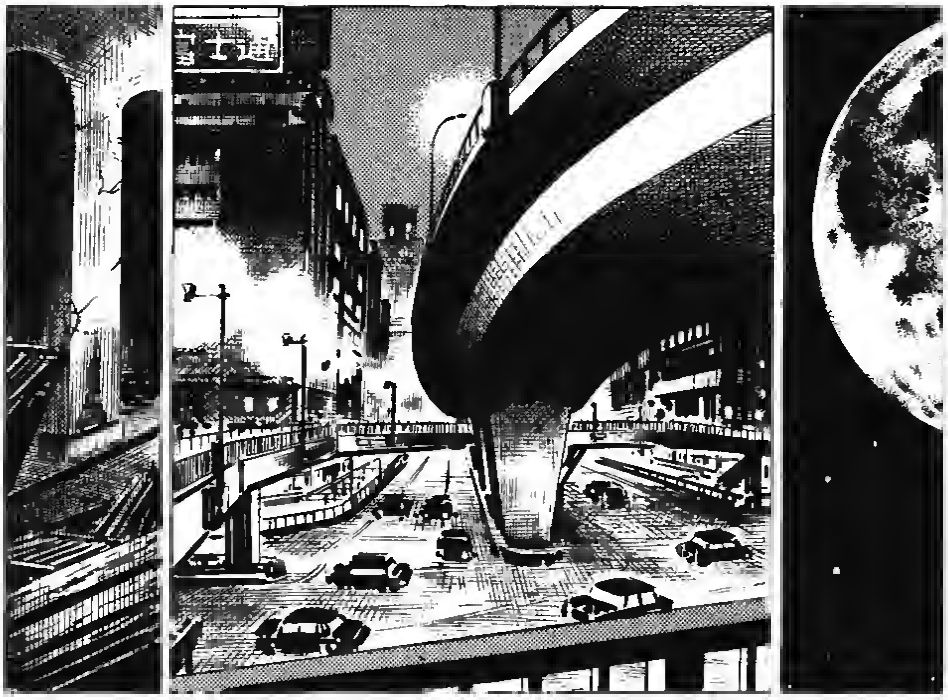
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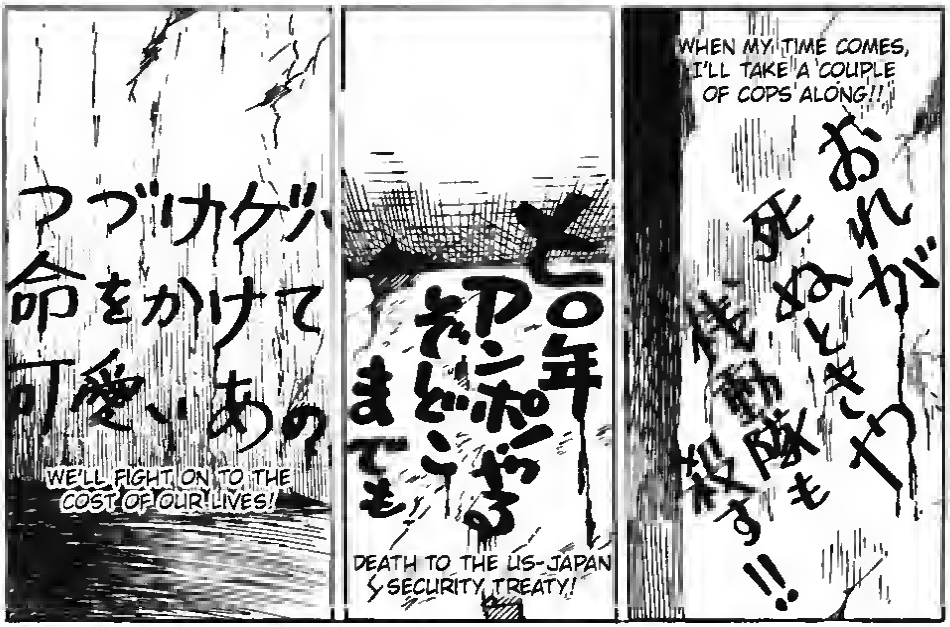
おれが死ぬときゃ
後勤隊も殺す!!
WHEN MY TIME COMES, I'LL TAKE A COUPLE OF COPS ALONG!!
70年アンポやぶれるまでも
DEATH TO THE US-JAPAN SECURITY TREATY!
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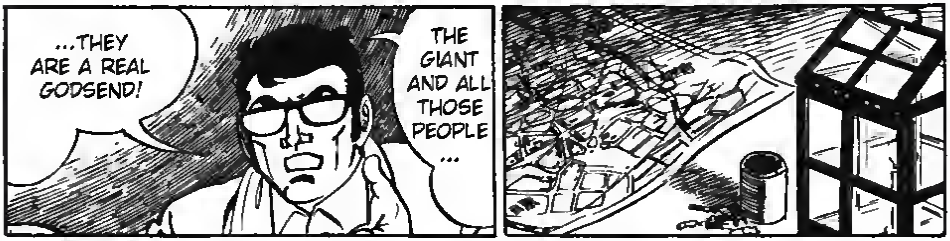
WE'LL FIGHT ON TO THE COST OF OUR LIVES!


...THEY ARE A REAL GODSEND!
THE GIANT AND ALL THOSE PEOPLE ...

...EXACTLY ALONG THE ROUTE THE GIANT HAS CHOSEN.
WE'RE SO LUCKY THAT OUR TARGETS HAPPEN TO BE...
AND ONCE WE'VE LIBERATED A CERTAIN POINT A...
...WE CAN MOVE ON TO POINTS B AND C, ATTACKING IN WAVES!
YEAH! ASSEMBLING AND DISPERSING WILL BE MUCH EASIER WITH THEM AROUND.

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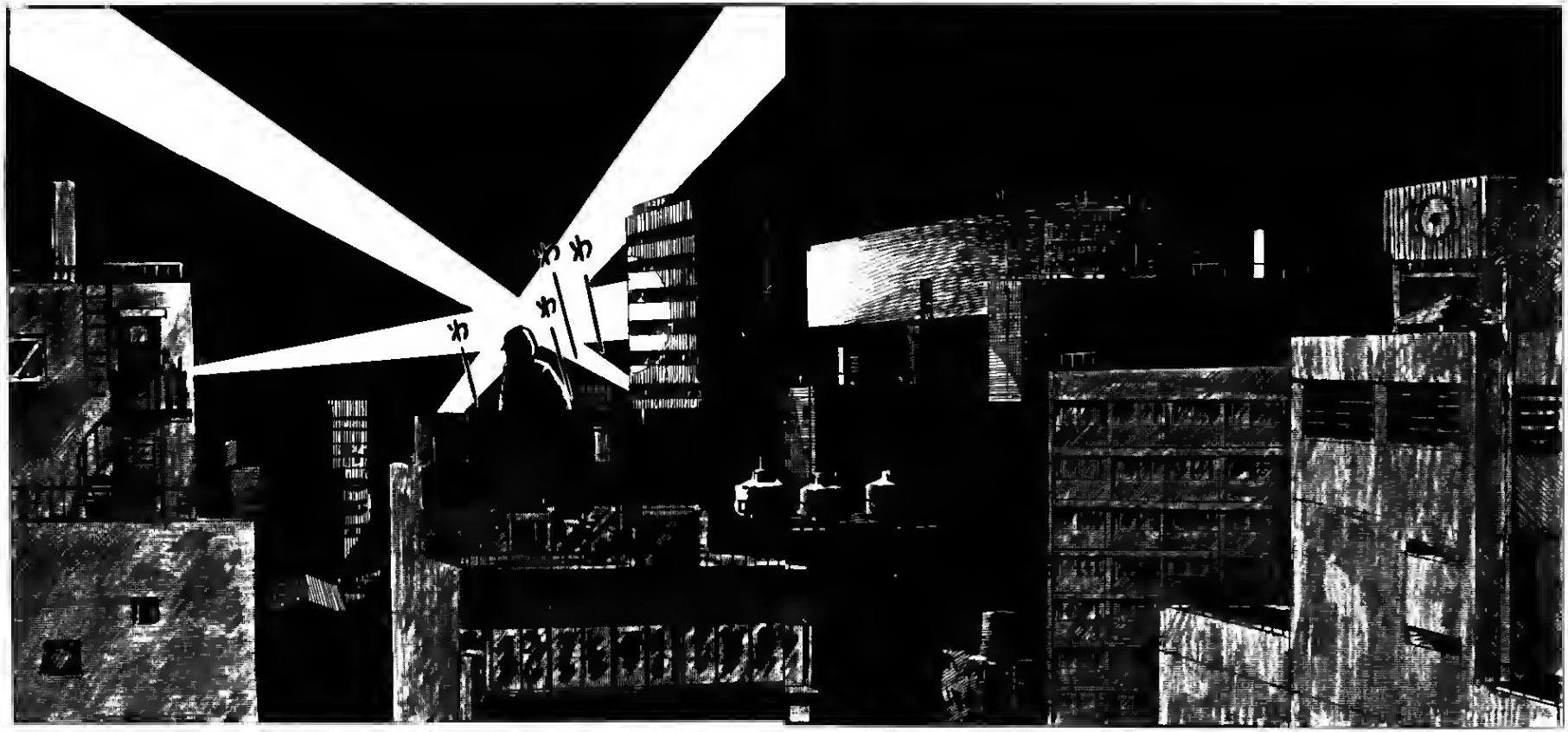

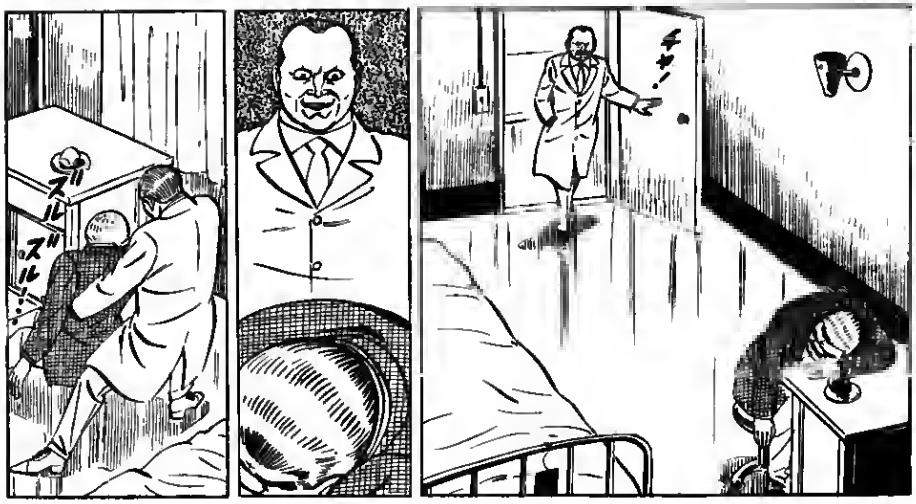

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EH, EH, EH. YOU'LL BE SOUND ASLEEP FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS!
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YES?
I... I...
THAT'S A GOOD BOY!
WE ALL WANT TO HELP YOU...
RELAX, SON. THERE'S NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF.
...RECOVER YOUR MEMORY.
OK.
...I WANT TO GET WELL QUICK! BOTH FOR ME AND... FOR TSUYOSHI... WHO DIED TRYING TO HELP ME...
OK.
JUST DO EXACTLY AS I SAY!
OF COURSE YOU'LL GET WELL. I'M HERE TO MAKE SURE YOU DO.
HE'S STILL AGITATED ...
LET'S START, THEN!
EVERYTHING IS READY...

RELAX... YOU HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR... RELAX...
FOLLOW IT WITH YOU EYES... KEEP LOOKING AT IT...
SEE HOW IT MOVES?... IT'S LIKE A WAVE... A LUMINOUS WAVE...
...DO YOU SEE THE LIGHT? LOOK HOW PRETTY IT IS... SO BEAUTIFUL... SEE HOW BRIGHT IS?

...LOOK AT MY EYES... LOOK INTO MY EYES...
...AND NOW THE LIGHT... IS INSIDE MY EYES...
...YES...
...AND ANSWER MY QUESTIONS ...
...INTO MY EYES...
...LOOK INTO MY EYES...

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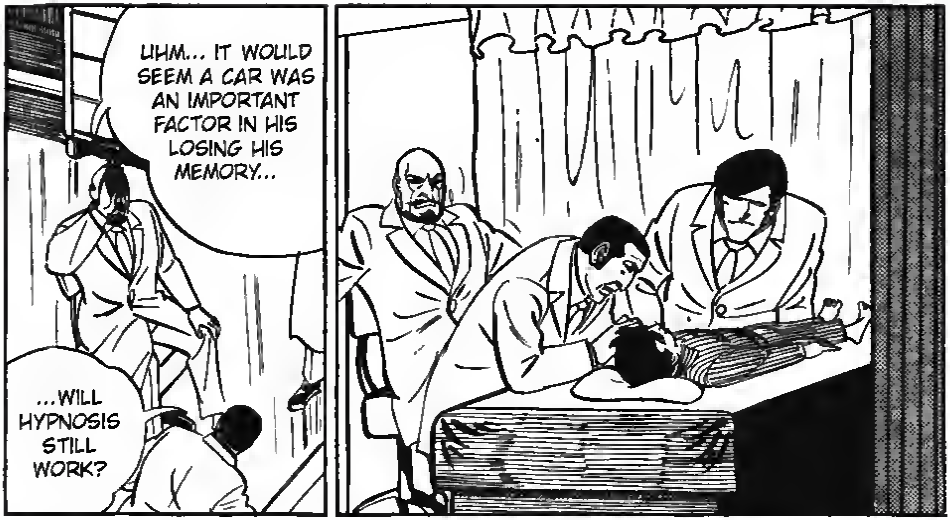
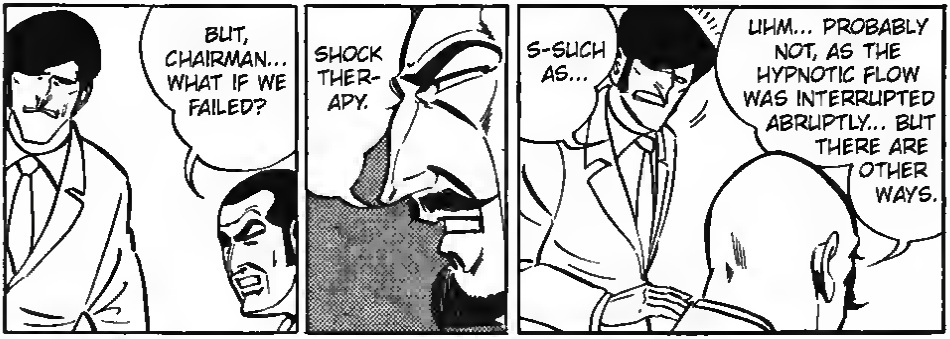
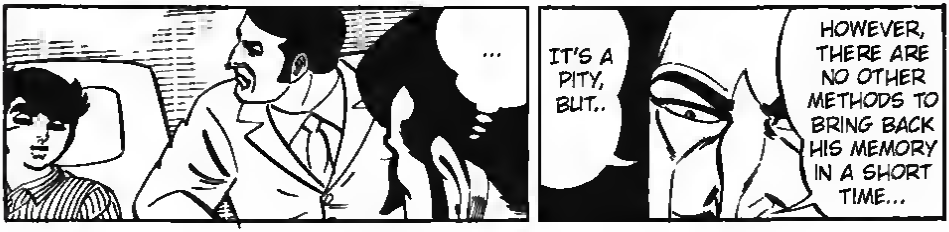
BLUE
...
WHAT COLOUR IS THE SKY?
...
WHITE
...
WHAT COLOUR IS THE SNOW?
...RED...
...R...
WHAT COLOUR IS BLOOD?
...BRUSH YOUR TEETH... WASH YOUR FACE...
...IT'S MORNING... STRETCH YOUR ARMS AND GET OUT OF BED...
...GET READY TO GO TO SCHOOL...
...AND NOW THAT YOU HAD BREAKFAST...

UHM...
...A CAR IS COMING... WALK FASTER!
...THE LIGHT'S TURNED TO GREEN...
...YOU'RE ABOUT TO CROSS THE ROAD... LOOK TO YOUR LEFT...
... THE CAR!
THE CAR IS GETTING CLOSER ...
RUN! RUN!
IT'S ABOUT TO RUN YOU OVER!
OOOH!
AHHH-HHH!


UHM... IT WOULD SEEM A CAR WAS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN HIS LOSING HIS MEMORY...
...WILL HYPNOSIS STILL WORK?


BUT, CHAIRMAN... WHAT IF WE FAILED?
SHOCK THER-APY.
S-SUCH AS...
UHM... PROBABLY NOT, AS THE HYPNOTIC FLOW WAS INTERRUPTED ABRUPTLY... BUT THERE ARE OTHER WAYS.

EVEN AMONG ADULTS, SOME PATIENTS HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO SMASH THEIR HEADS AGAINST THE WALL UNTIL KILLING THEMSELVES.
THE BOY WOULD PROBABLY DIE... OR SUFFER PERMANENT PSYCHO-LOGICAL DAMAGE.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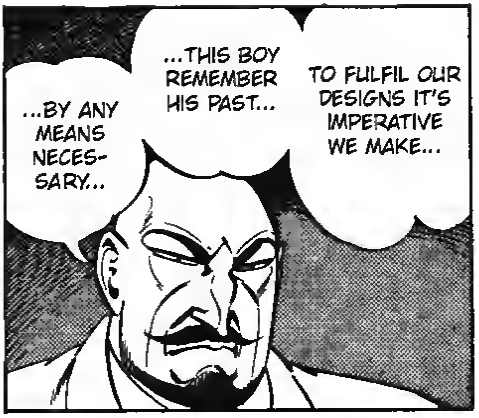
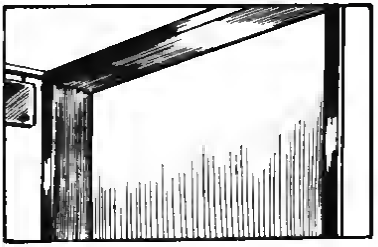
IT'S A PITY, BUT..
HOWEVER, THERE ARE NO OTHER METHODS TO BRING BACK HIS MEMORY IN A SHORT TIME...


...BY ANY MEANS NECES-SARY..
...THIS BOY REMEMBER HIS PAST...
TO FULFIL OUR DESIGNS IT'S IMPERATIVE WE MAKE...

THERE'S NO TIME TO WASTE. BRING A STRAIGHT-JACKET!
YES!



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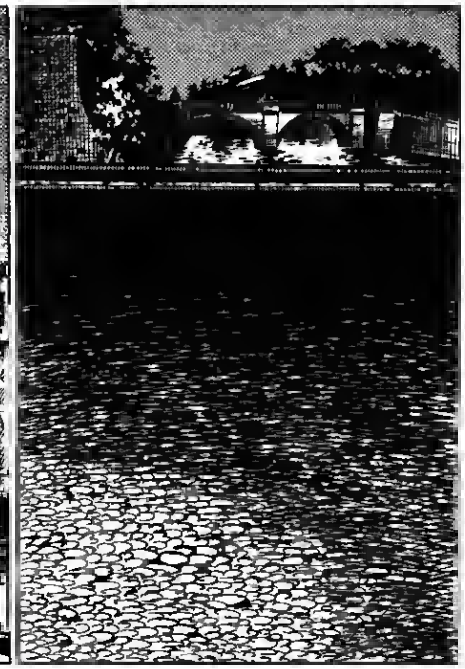

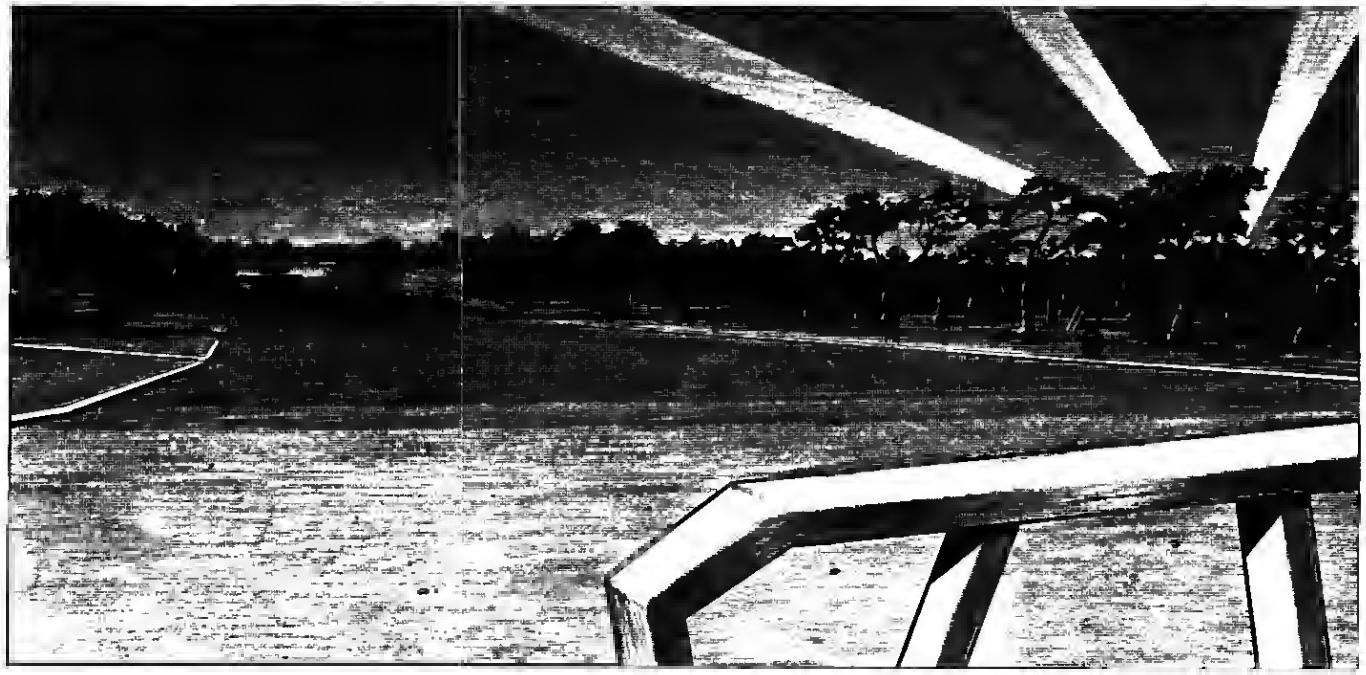

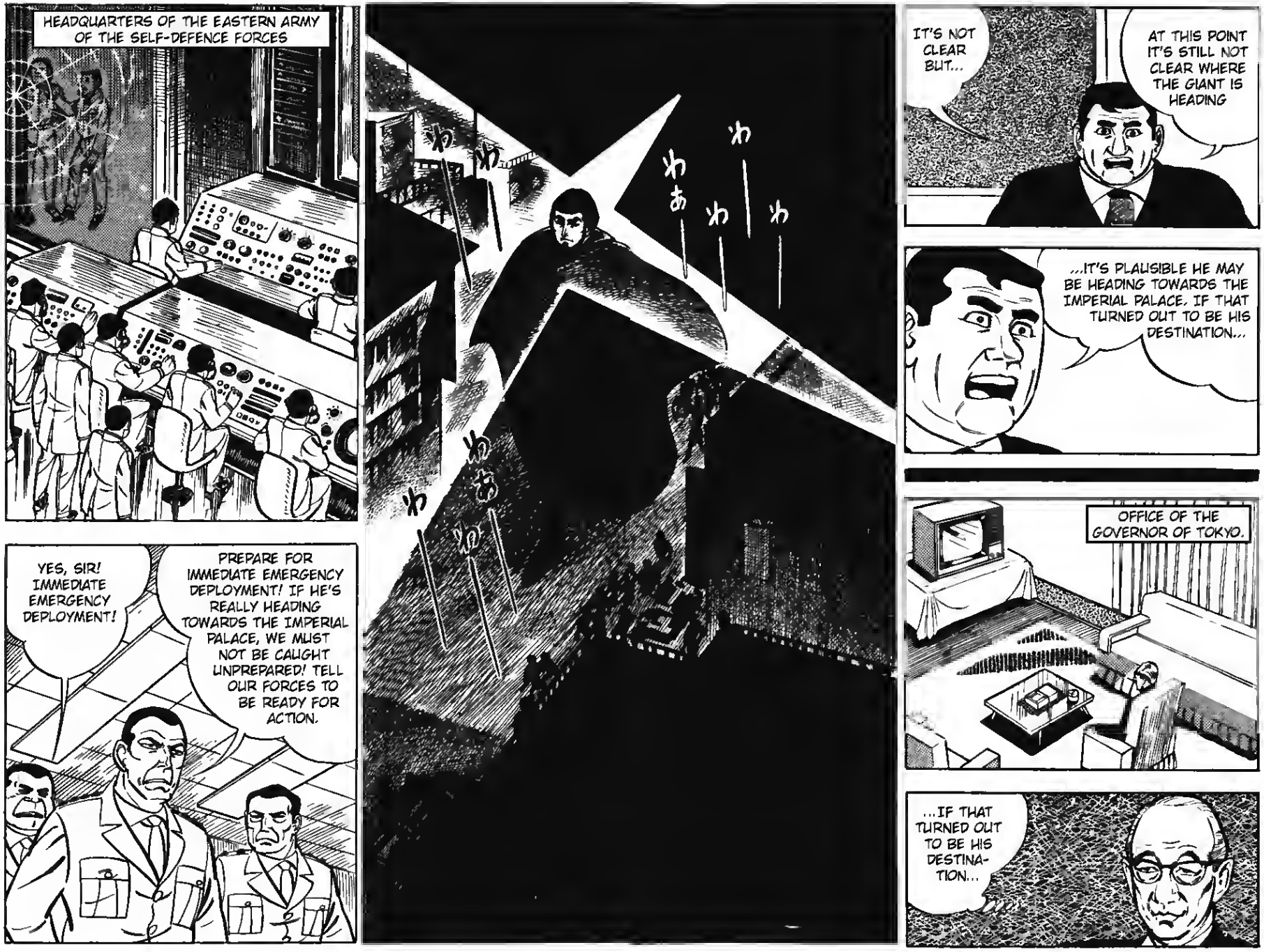
IT'S NOT CLEAR BUT...
AT THIS POINT IT'S STILL NOT CLEAR WHERE THE GIANT IS HEADING
...IT'S PLAUSIBLE HE MAY BE HEADING TOWARDS THE IMPERIAL PALACE. IF THAT TURNED OUT TO BE HIS DESTINATION...
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF TOKYO.
...IF THAT TURNED OUT TO BE HIS DESTINA-TION...
HEADQUARTERS OF THE EASTERN ARMY OF THE SELF-DEFENCE FORCES
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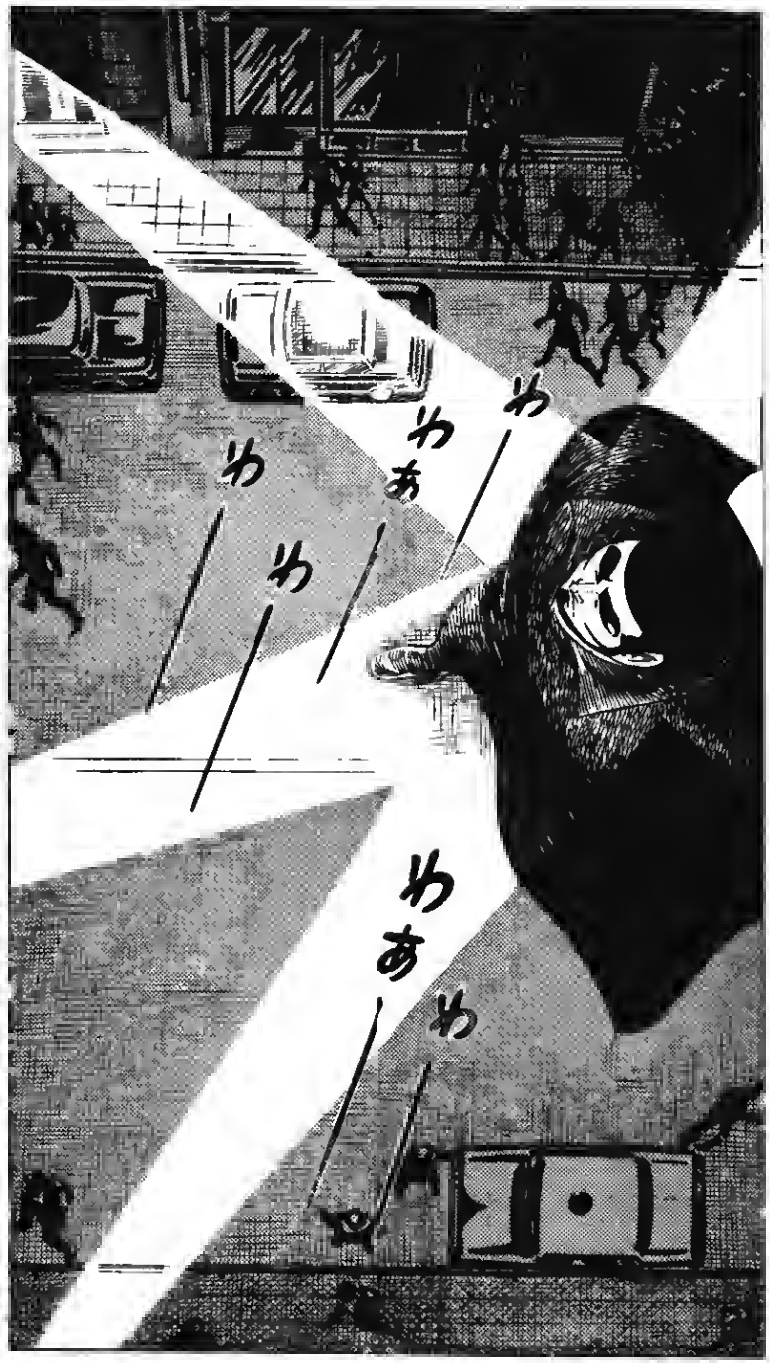
YES, SIR! IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY DEPLOYMENT!
PREPARE FOR IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY DEPLOYMENT! IF HE'S REALLY HEADING TOWARDS THE IMPERIAL PALACE, WE MUST NOT BE CAUGHT UNPREPARED! TELL OUR FORCES TO BE READY FOR ACTION.

...A SINGLE MINUTE!
HOT DAMN! CALL REINFORCEMENTS IN FROM HIBIYA! IF THE GIANT IS REALLY HEADING TOWARDS THE IMPERIAL PALACE, WE CANNOT WASTE...

WE MUST HURRY!

ABSO-LUTELY NOTHING
CHAIRMAN, WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO?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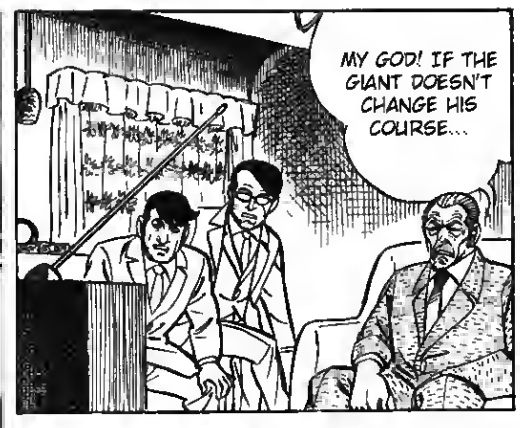
MY GOD! IF THE GIANT DOESN'T CHANGE HIS COURSE...

PROFES-SOR!
GET READY!
T-THE MOMENT I HAD BEEN DREADING... MAY BE DRAWING NEAR...

POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

EVERYTHING'S READY, CHAIRMAN!
...THE PROFESSOR'S PLANS, WITH ALL THEIR DESTRUCTIVE CONSEQUENCES FOR CIVILIZATION. EH, EH, EH...
WE WILL LET HIM DO HIS JOB FOR THE TIME BEING AND THEN... EH, EH, EH, EH!
EVEN WITHOUT KOJO'S INSTRUCTIONS, FUJIMOTO SEEMS INTENT ON CARRYING OUT...
OKAY...
UN-CHANGED
HOW ARE THE BOY'S CONDITIONS?
LET'S PROCEED WITH THE SHOCK THERAPY, THEN!

IT'S A RESTRAINING JACKET.
THEY USE THEM A LOT IN MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISONS...
...NO... I DON'T...
DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS IS?
...TO RESTRAIN HIS MOVEMENTS...
...AND MAKE HIM STAY STILL.
IF A PRISONER SHOWS SIGNS OF VIOLENT BEHAVIOUR, THEY MAKE HIM WEAR ONE OF THESE...
... JACK-ET ...?
...RE-STRAIN-ING ...
N-NO! OF COURSE NOT!
ARE YOU SCARED?
I WANT YOU TO WEAR ONE OF THESE IN ORDER TO PROCEED WITH A SPECIAL THERAPY...
THEY ALSO COME IN HANDY FOR PUNISHING PRISONERS WHO REFUSE TO OBEY THE GUARDS' ORDERS...
...
GOOD. YOU'RE A BRAVE BOY.

I'M READY TO PUT UP WITH ANYTHING!
...WE CAN JUST STOP NOW AND...
BUT IF YOU DON'T FEEL UP IT...
IF YOU WANT TO RECOVER YOUR MEMORY, YOU'LL NEED TO BE VERY BRAVE.
NO, I'M READY!
GREAT!
LET'S PROCEED !
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OH! I CAN'T SEE ANY-
HEY... WAIT...
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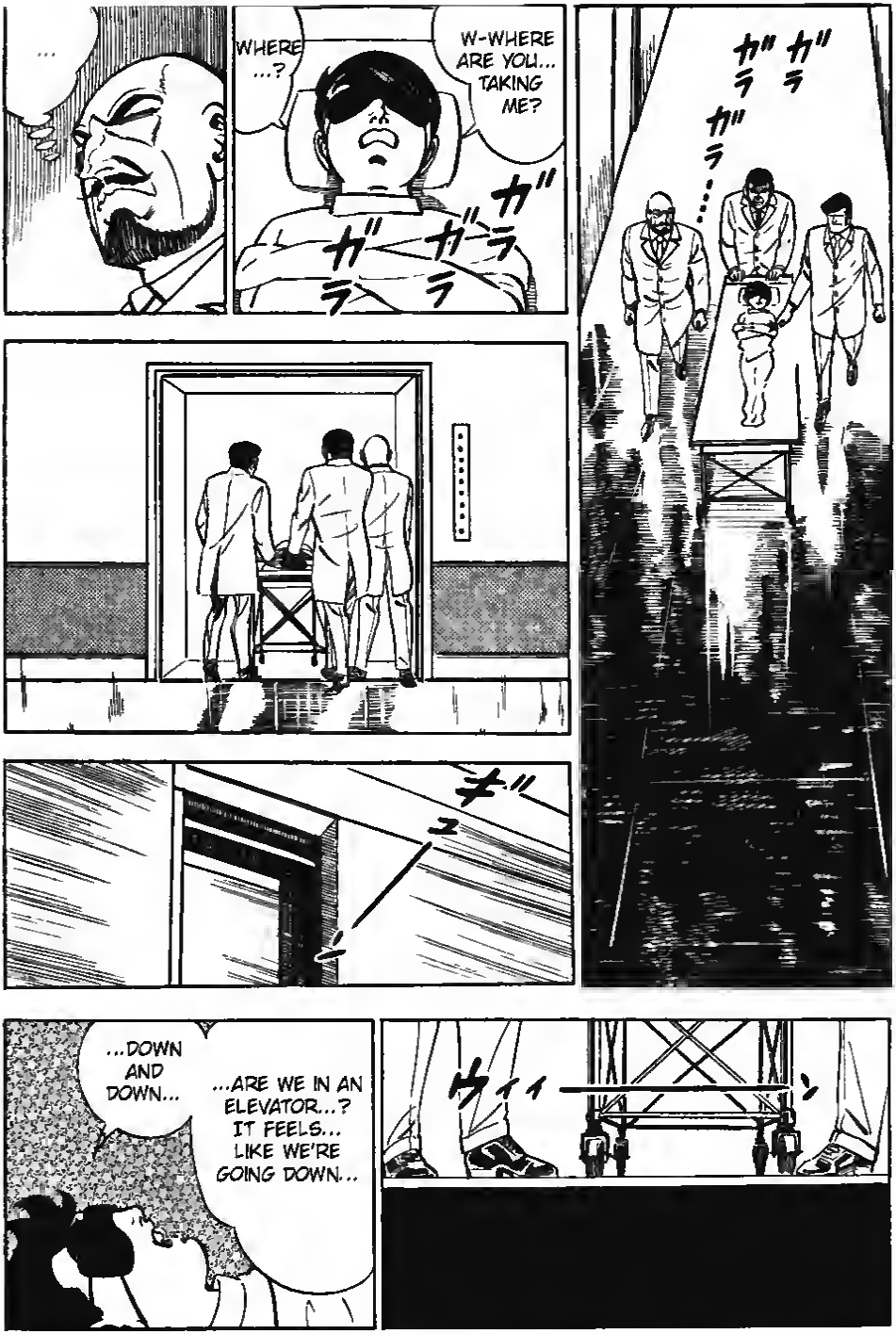
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WHERE ...?
W-WHERE ARE YOU... TAKING ME?
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...DOWN AND DOWN...
...ARE WE IN AN ELEVATOR...? IT FEELS... LIKE WE'RE GOING DOWN...

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...IS... THERE... ANYBODY HERE?
...DO-DOCTOR... ARE YOU STILL THERE...?
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WHY... IS NOBODY ANSWERING?
IS THAT... OKAY?
MY HANDS HURT... THEY'RE GETTING NUMB.
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OH...
...I WAS...
...UHNNN... I...
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...UH?
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NOW I REMEMBER ...!
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DAMN!
IT'S... IT'S THEM!
OH!
OPEN THE DOOR, I'M TELLING YOU!
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OPEN THE DOOR!
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OPEN THE DOOR!
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WHAT'S GOING ON? WHO WAS THAT?
WHAT WAS THAT? SOMEBODY WAS YELLING..."OPEN THE DOOR"!
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LET ME OUT OF HERE!
OPEN THE DOOR!
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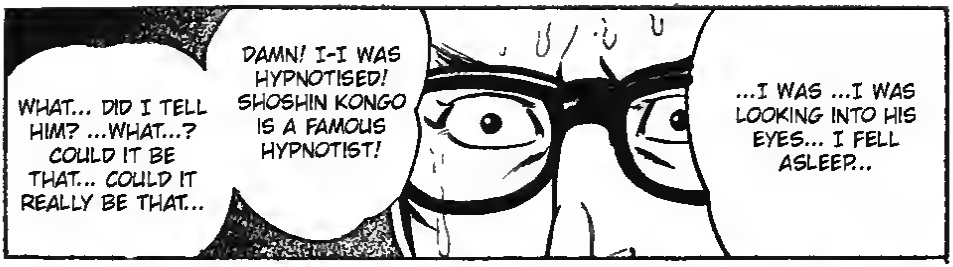
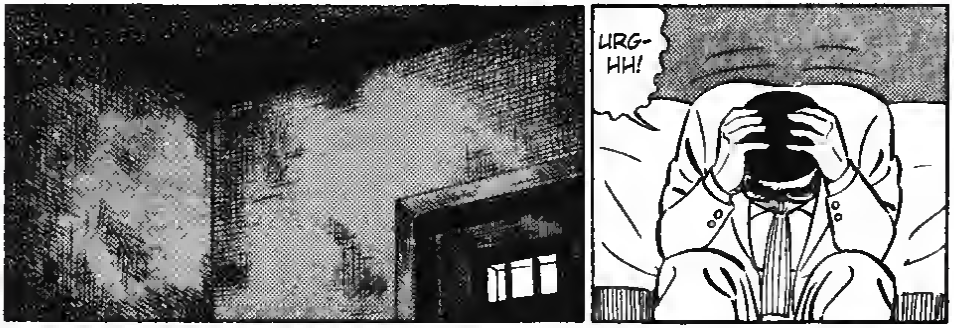
ANNF... ANFF... ANNF...


...I WAS ...I WAS LOOKING INTO HIS EYES... I FELL ASLEEP...
DAMN! I-I WAS HYPNOTISED! SHOSHIN KONGO IS A FAMOUS HYPNOTIST!
WHAT... DID I TELL HIM? ...WHAT...? COULD IT BE THAT... COULD IT REALLY BE THAT...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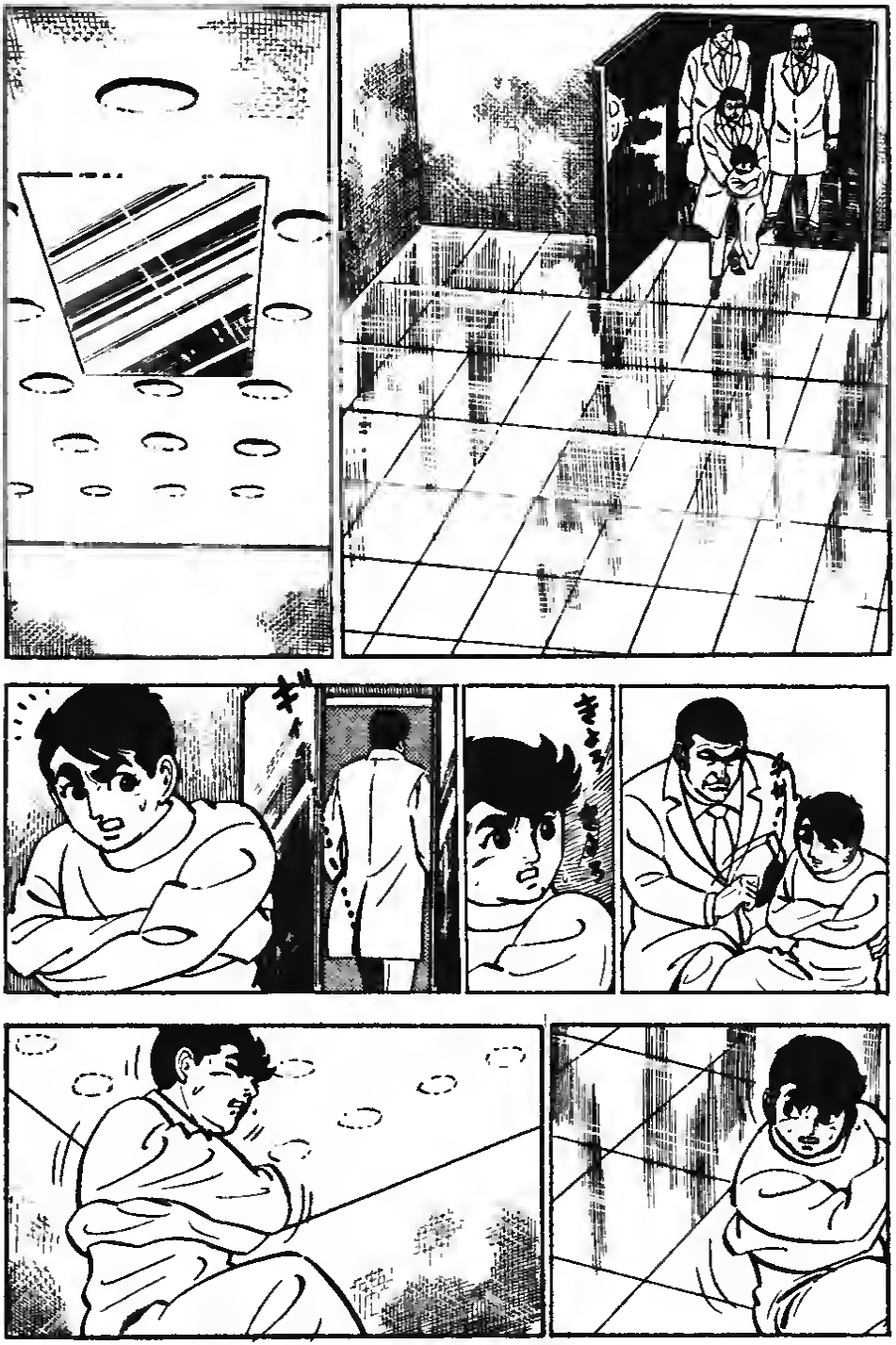
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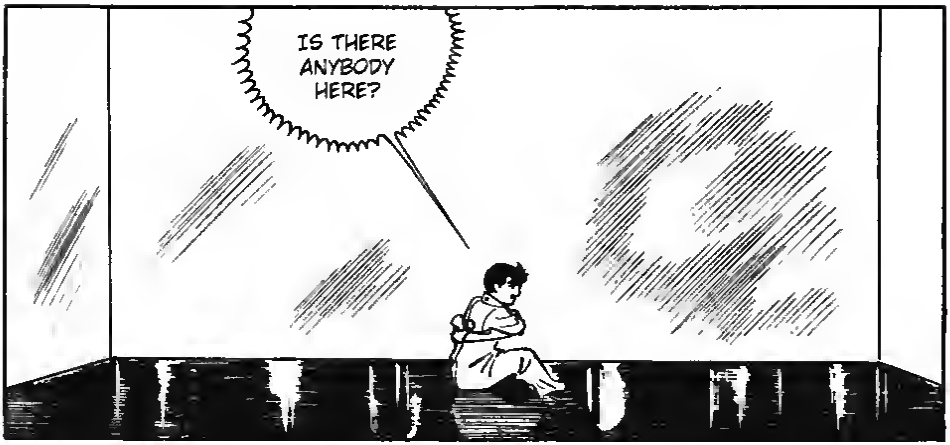

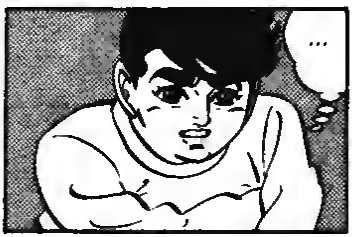

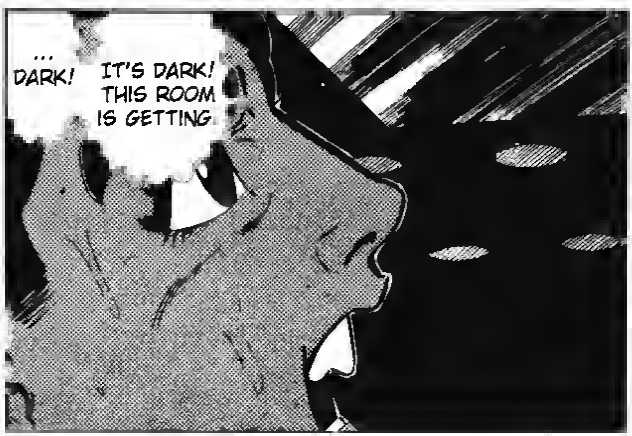

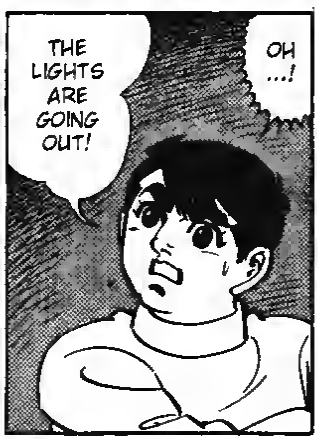

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